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2022



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**YOUR SUBMISSIONS  
ARE ENCOURAGED!**

*Minutes of the live meetings held on April 6 at the Red Front*

## **General membership meeting:**

We had a number of visitors this evening for our first live meeting in quite a while: DG Michele O'Hare, VDG Ricky and 2VDG Priscilla Laurin, PDG Ed and Lion Liz Stano, and Queta Duran, Program Manager for Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Capital Region.

Queta spoke to us about the community-based mentoring provided by BB/BS. It's an opportunity for an adult volunteer (called Bigs) to meet with local youth (called Littles) for one-to-one outings and activities, twice a month for a few hours. They currently have 80 Littles, 54 of them boys, most between 6 and 14 years old. They can always use more Bigs because there are more Littles who need the mentoring. Anyone interested in becoming a Big should visit [bbbscr.org/volunteer](http://bbbscr.org/volunteer).

DG Michele inducted two new members: Andy Pitonyak and Bobby Beard, both sponsored by Greg Sheldon. (Andy had been inducted on Zoom back in January, but this time he got his new-member kit.)

She then spoke about a number of subjects, including:

Interested Lions should attend the training sessions on April 30 (in Rome) or May 1 (in Lake George) or either one on Zoom.

Think about starting a specialty club (i.e., motorcycle or diabetes). This will be explored further at the MD20 convention in Niagara Falls May 20-22.

New York State will be marching first in the parade at the International Convention in Montreal June 24-28.

In Montreal, we'll be voting on a dues increase of \$3 in '23-'24 and \$2 each of the following years.

The District Testimonial is on June 17 at Van Patten GC.

We voted to spend up to \$60 to send flowers to Lion Shawn, who is heading into rehab after open-heart surgery.

## **Club and Charitable Fund board meetings:**

KL Eva is looking for service projects where we can join forces with other clubs in our zone. Also, she now has access to a space in downtown Albany (The Bridge, 52 James St) that has potential as a meeting space for us and our Leos.

Questions were raised about some of the expenses associated with the blueberry orchard. It was explained that the income and expenses didn't always match up on the treasurer's report because they overlapped the change in fiscal year. We do have receipts for all expenses. Also, some of the expenses were paid by Eden's Rose Foundation because we had voted to not lay out funds until we received various grant funds,

## MEMBERSHIP

IRVIN ACKERMAN

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EVA BASS

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SHAWN NEWTON

MICHAEL O'BRIEN

ANDY PITONYAK

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SUE SHIPE

DR. ALLEN ZIEKER



so we reimbursed Eden's Rose after we actually got the money.

This seems to be a good time to resurrect Lions Shawn's Bike Rides for the Blind project with a target date of late summer or early fall. In addition to Shawn, the committee is Eva, Mike and Chris H.

Lion Tom has passed the chairmanship of our used eyeglass collection effort to Lion Ruth. She has recruited a Boy Scout troop from Colonie to do the sorting and packing for shipment to NJ.

KN95 masks are available from Lions ALERT if we have a need.

In an email vote on 4/12-4/16, we passed a motion to spend up to \$500 on fertilizer for the blueberry orchard.

In an email vote on 4/24-4/29, we added Marketing Communications Chair to the board of directors and elected our officers and board of directors for LY2022-2023, which starts July 1.

President	Eva Bass	Lion Tamer	John Bianco
1st Vice President	Jodi Sheldon	Director, 1st of 2 years	Davia Gaddy
2nd Vice President	Greg Sheldon	Director, 1st of 2 years	Shawn Newton
3rd Vice President	Irv Ackerman	Director, 2nd of 2 years	Maryanne Gordon
Secretary	Jerry Gordon	Director, 2nd of 2 years	Mike O'Brien
Treasurer (Club)	Ruth Sano	Membership Chair	Chris Horan
Treasurer (Char Fund)	Larry Krug	Marketing Comm Chair	Jordan Alexander
Tail Twister	Andy Pitonyak	Immediate Past Pres	Carol Quantock

*Next meeting: Live and in person again!*

Date & time: **Wednesday, May 4, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.** We're meeting again at the **Red Front**, 72 Division St in Troy, in case you forgot where it is. There will not be a speaker, but we will be having a very important discussion about the future of our **Youth Blueberry Orchard**. Please try to be there. And as usual, it helps to be able to give the restaurant a head-count, so please let me know (jerrygordon@juno.com or 518-235-8232) whether or not you'll be there.

Unfortunately, like most other costs these days, you can expect higher prices on their menu. Most items have gone up about \$3.

### *Conventions*

Spring is officially here, 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 [niagara-fallsusa.com/md20lions/](https://niagara-fallsusa.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/](https://licon.lionsclubs.org/). See page 5.

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. Several of us have already registered, so come join the fun!

*Thank you, Lion Ruth*

The Albany & Troy Lions Club "Warm Woolen Wishes Project" delivered 60 more preemie crochet hats to the Albany Ronald McDonald House for their Hope Bags for parents of preemie babies at Albany Medical Center. See page 6 to help the WWWPproject.

*On a personal note*

We're pleased to report that Lion Shawn is home from rehab and is doing well. He was extremely appreciative of the flowers we sent him. With a little bit of luck, we'll see him at Wed's meeting.



## LIONS OF DISTRICT 20-W

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO JOIN US AT OUR  
DISTRICT TESTIMONIAL  
HONORING ALL THE LIONS OF DISTRICT 20-W

FRIDAY, JUNE 17, 2022  
COCKTAILS, DINNER & AWARDS PRESENTATION  
6:30 PM

\$40.00 PER PERSON  
DRESS IS BUSINESS CASUAL

THE VISTA AT THE VAN PATTEN GOLF CLUB  
924 MAIN STREET  
CLIFTON PARK, NY 12065

THERE IS A BLOCK OF ROOMS SET ASIDE AT THE HAMPTON INN,  
620 PLANK ROAD; CLIFTON PARK, NY, 12065. (518) 373-2345.  
THE ROOM RATE IS \$149.00 UNTIL 5/18/22. THE GROUP NAME IS: LIONS DISTRICT 20-W.

THE PLEASURE OF YOUR REPLY IS REQUESTED BY  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8TH

NAME(S) \_\_\_\_\_

CLUB: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

DIETARY RESTRICTIONS: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE RETURN TO:  
CABINET SECRETARY Barbara Bentley P. O. Box 1031; Guilderland, NY 12084  
Cell: (518) 894-1375 Email: [bbentley@saratogaspringslions.com](mailto:bbentley@saratogaspringslions.com)

**Happy Birthday!**

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

7th: Maryanne Gordon

10th: Vici Harris

26th: Allen Zieker

**Happy Anniversary!**

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



Marty Keary: 1 year

Stefan Fosco: 4 years

Joann Beach: 18 years

Diane Hart: 28 years

Jane Chouiniere: 34 years

May 2022						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4  General membership meeting; see page 2	5	6	7
	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20 MD20 Convention in Niagara Falls. See page 2	21 MD20 Convention in Niagara Falls. See page 2
22 MD20 Convention in Niagara Falls. See page 2	23 MD20 Convention in Niagara Falls. See page 2	24	25	26	27	28
29		31	For other events around the district, visit <a href="http://20WLions.org">20WLions.org</a>			



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**.





## 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](https://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:**

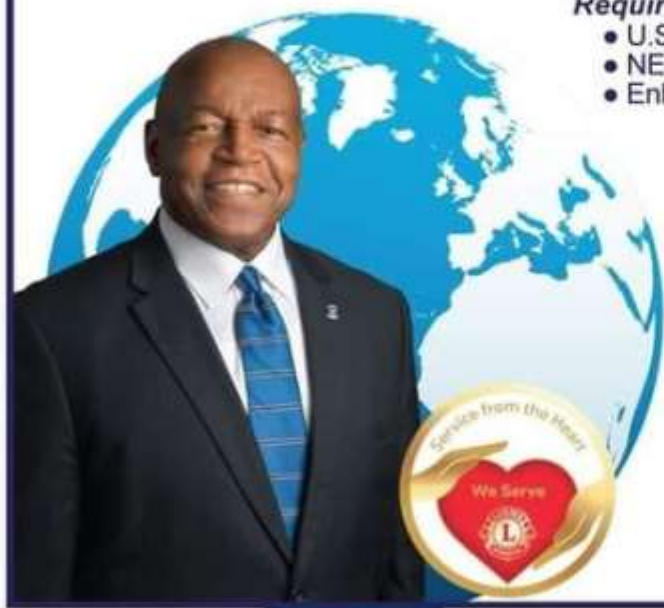
**MD-20 has been assigned to the Sheraton Centre Hotel (Headquarters). Rooms are assigned first come first served...Please Register Early.**

**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.



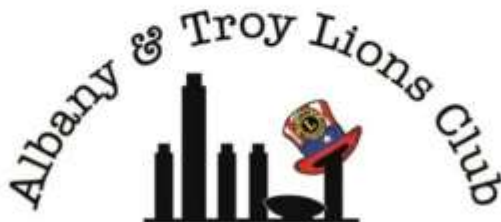


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## Got Yarn? Or extra fleece fabric?

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 500 items by the end of 2022

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](mailto:albanytroylions@gmail.com)  
or  
Lion Ruth Sano at 518-859-3796

