

## Rare Meat

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> YOUR SUBMISSIONS ARE ENCOURAGED!

## Report of the board meetings held July 15 on Zoom

Club Board Meeting: The minutes of the last meeting and the treasurer's report, which had been distributed previously, were accepted as submitted.

Queen introduced potential Lion Thal Blankson, who has been active in community affairs. She accompanied Queen on July 13 when they attended the Barton Center's Lions Appreciation dinner. (Barton runs Camp Joslin in Charlton, MA, for kids with diabetes. Some years ago, we sent a local child there, and we've been on their mailing list ever since.)

Queen also volunteered to resurrect our Leo club, and she has reached out to IPDG Priscilla. We will provide her the background info, since she joined after the Leos became inactive. Eva, Jodi and Greg are also interested in working with the new Leos.

In order to apply for more grants, we have to ensure that our bylaws are current, and we need a conflict of interest policy to be signed by all board members.

The official launch of the HIVE project will be Saturday, July 27, from 2:30-4:00. The official address is 76 Quail St in Albany, but it's generally in the alley between Clinton and First St. in the West Hill neighborhood. We'll have a table with diabetes and other Lions info, and we'd like to get as many Lions as possible to attend. [Moved to AUG 10 at the last minute; see pages 4 & 5.]

We voted to allot up to \$500 to come up with our first Little Free Library bookshelf, which will go in the new HIVE area. The second one will be at Lansingburgh Boys & Girls Club.

We will do Boscov's Friends Helping Friends project again this year. It's a pretty painless way of generating around \$500 for the club.

Charitable Fund Board Meeting: The minutes of the last meeting and the treasurer's report, which had been distributed previously, were accepted as submitted.

There were no requests for glasses or hearing aids. We processed 12,400 used eyeglasses during LY23-24.

The Produce Pickup Project is every Mon-Thur from 10-12. Any Lions willing to help are welcome.

Since there doesn't seem to be much interest in pursuing the SEE project, we've tabled this for the time being.

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## Our next meetings:

Our next **board meeting** will be on Monday, Aug 19 at 7:30 PM at a location to be announced.

Our next general meeting will be Wednesday, Sept 4, also at a location to be announced.

We're in the market for a new meeting space - someplace available every first Wednesday for general meetings and/or every third Monday for board meetings. Here are our criteria:

- 1. The space should be reasonably private and not subject to extraneous noise, music, etc.
- 2. Current attendance is generally 8-12, but the space should be able to hold at least 25 or so to allow for special events, guest speakers, joint meetings with other groups and membership growth.
- 3. There should be no charge for the room.
- 4. If it's in a restaurant, they should offer a decent variety of food at a reasonable price.
- 5. There should be adequate parking, and it should be on a bus line.
- 6. It would be good if they had a secure space to store our banners, flags, bell, etc.
- 7. It can be in Albany or Troy, or in-between (Latham, Menands, Watervliet, Loudonville)

If you've got any ideas, please reach out to King Lion Jodi (518-331-0992 or jodisheldon492@gmail.com)

## Earning Some Green by Going Green

You've all got your CLYNK recycling bags; I hope you're using them. If you need more for yourself, **or for any friends or family members who are willing to help us out,** contact Lion Jerry at 518-235-8232 or jerrygordon@juno.com for more bags.

### Happy Birthday!

Happy **August** birthday to these A&T Lions:

5th: Chris Horan 30th: Shawn Newton

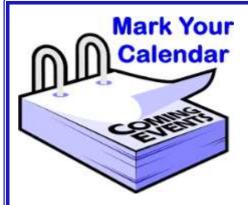


### Happy Anniversary!

Happy Lions Anniversary to no **August** inductees:

Ruthann Richards: 2 years Chris Horan: 15 years +3 yrs w/

Guilderland LC Vici Harris: 22 years



Fri, Aug 2: Community event at Bridge Tha Gap; see page 3 Sat, Aug 10: Albany HIVE Launch Date; see pages 4 & 5 Mon, Aug 19: Board meetings; see page 2.

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

## A free community event—donations gratefully accepted!





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## **About Albany** Hive

Local organizations, designers, city leaders, and residents joined forces to transform this alley into a welcoming community space. This coalition welcomes everyone - may The Hive buzz with activity for years to comel







## Contact Us

Stay tuned for upcoming events! For questions or ways to get involved, contact Aisha Stasack, Community Outreach Coordinator at 518-764-6356.





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# Warm Woolen Wishes Project

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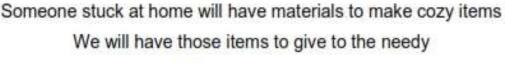


**Creating Comfort** 



Unites people with yarn or fabric so they can help us reach our goal of 1000 items by the end of 2024.

This helps us help everyone.



Everyone wins!

If you can help us out with yarn or fabric, let us know. We will be happy to pick 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





