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**YOUR SUBMISSIONS
ARE ENCOURAGED!**

Report of the meetings held Nov 6 at The Eleven

Visitors: DG Holly McConchie, Margo Walrath

The meeting was called to order about 6:00 PM by Pres Jodi.

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

DH Holly presented Larry with a chevron for 45 years of service, and inducted new members Nikki Milton, Mike Suske and Chloe Tarlen.

She then covered a number of topics:

- Mission 1.5, to increase membership to 1.5 million by 6/30/2027;
- LCIF, which has donated \$350k to FL and NC for recent hurricane damage;
- Not only clubs, but individuals, should contribute to LCIF;
- Camp Badger and ALERT are worthy of our support;

The international convention will be in Orlando instead of Mexico City from July 13-17, 2025.

Queen's Guardians of Al-fitrah is holding a "Love Thy Neighbor" celebration on Dec 21 at the Ida Yarbrough Homes. We agreed to contribute \$1000 to help her defray expenses. Other sponsors include Eden's Rose Foundation, 518SNUG and CNYS Black Expo.

The Times-Union will no longer be sponsoring the Scripps National Spelling Bee, so they're looking for a new regional partner. New Lion Mike Suske has agreed to chair our participation. We approved paying the \$5000 fee in anticipation of getting matching grants from the New York State & Bermuda Lions Foundation and Brandel-Murphy. Further income will come from potential sponsors, such as Albany Housing Authority and Red Book Shelf, both of whom have expressed interest.

Lion Jerry has been working on starting a Lansingburgh Branch Club, and has not been very successful yet in finding potential members.

Lions Maryanne and Jerry agreed to arrange our holiday party on Dec 4. Also, the club will buy 10 T-shirts for our new Leos and give them to them at the party.

Our next meetings:

Our next meeting will be our holiday party on Dec 4. See page 3. Please let Lion Jerry know whether you'll be there.

MEMBERSHIP

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MIKE SUSKE

CHLOE TARLEN

DR. ALLEN ZIEKER



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.

It's simple: Fill the bag with cans and bottles that are NYS-redeemable (water bottles, soda bottles & cans, beer bottles & cans). Bring the full bag to your nearest Hannaford, scan the label and drop the bag into the chute. All those nickels will be deposited right into our bank account.



Happy Birthday!

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

- 24th: Kristin McVeigh
- 24th: Ruthann Richards



Happy Anniversary!

Happy Lions Anniversary to no **December** inductees

Mark Your Calendar



November is **Diabetes Awareness Month** and **Lions Eye Bank Month**

Wed, Dec 4: **Holiday party, see page 3.**

Sat, Dec 21: "Love Thy Neighbor," see page 4. Winter Solstice

Wed, Dec 25: Christmas. Chanukah starts at sundown.

Thu, Dec 26: Kwanzaa starts

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



Our Holiday Party is **Wednesday, December 4**, at 6:00 PM



1118 Central Ave, Albany
(across from Osborne Rd)

Margarita City is a nice place with a newly redecorated back room. They specialize in Mexican food but their diverse menu offers options for everyone. We'll order off the menu and get separate checks.

We have some fun things planned and hope you'll join us. Spouses, potential Lions and guests of all ages are welcome.

RSVP by Wednesday, 11/27,
to 518-235-8232
or jerrygordon@juno.com



Happy Holidays

The Guardians of Al-fitrah invites you to:



LOVE THY NEIGHBOR

celebration

-  **FREE GOURMET DINNERS** 🍷
-  **FREE FRESH PRODUCE** 🍎
-  **FREE PASTRIES & BREADS** 🍞
-  **FREE GIFTS** 🎁
-  **TOYS FOR TOTS** 🧸
-  **RANDOMLY SELECTED GIFT CARDS** 🎫
(WHILE SUPPLIES LAST)



**SATURDAY
DECEMBER 21TH, 2024**

**2PM-5PM
280 N. Pearl Street, Albany, NY**

**Residents Only
(I.D. Required)**

GUEST SPEAKERS:



SAM FEIN



**BISHOP AVERY
L. COMITHIER**

Let's Celebrate Together!

Supporting Sponsors:



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