

### Rare Meat

**May 2025** 





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YOUR SUBMISSIONS ARE ENCOURAGED!

### Report of the general and board meetings held on April 2 at Margarita City

We accepted the membership application from Khalel "Nightwing" Hamlin, who was the pronouncer at the spelling bee. His sponsor is Paul Collins-Hackett.

We spent some time going over the slate of candidates for next year. Jerry will send it out for a vote by all members.

An Earth Day event is planned for Sat, April 19, at the Hive and Albany Victory Gardens, from 12 PM to 4 PM. We approved a \$500 donation to Albany Victory Gardens to help defray various expenses. We need volunteers for these functions:

- · Work with children at various stations with activities such as art and drumming
- · Man information tables, hand out literature, answer questions
- · A few strong backs to carry and move tables and other stuff.

We will submit grant applications to Brandel-Murphy and the NYS&BLF for funds to defray our \$5k obligation for the spelling bee.

#### Report of the board meetings held on April 21 on line

The weather limited our Earth Day activities, but we did hold an indoor event at the Hub. Both parents & kids made bee boxes and planted seedlings. They created 75 greeting cards for Krrisha Agarwal, our local spelling bee winner, to encourage her on her upcoming trip to Washington for the finals.

Paul and Queen are working with South End Children's Café and Big Brothers/Big Sisters towards some joint projects involving our Leos Club. Queen has posted the activities on the Lions portal.

Ruth has been adding 40-50 books every week to our Clinton Ave library.

At the 100<sup>th</sup> party, there will be a continuous loop showing as many old pictures as we can come up with. Jerry & Ruth (and perhaps others) have photos from the last 20-30 years, but we'd love to get even older ones. If anyone has any memorabilia that we can borrow and photograph or scan, please get it to Jerry asap.

We approved the purchase of two Camp Badger raffle tickets @\$50 in the club's name.

Ruth had a request from a grandmother for reimbursement of \$80 she spent on a grandchild's glasses, which we approved.

**MEMBERSHIP** 

VICKI ADLER MICHELLE BAKER **EVA BASS** JOANN BEACH DR. ROB BRASS Paul "Batman" Collins -HACKETT Doug Davis **DENNIS FAGAN** DR. STEFAN FOSCO DAVIA GADDY QUEEN GHAFFAR-ADJEI **JERRY GORDON** MARYANNE GORDON KHALEL "NIGHTWING" HAMLIN DR. VICI HARRIS CHRIS HORAN LARRY KRUG DR. DAVID LEVINE KRISTIN McVFIGH NIKKI MILTON SHAWN NEWTON MICHAEL O'BRIEN RUTHANN RICHARDS RUTH SANO **GREG SHELDON** JODI SHELDON SUE SHIPE MIKE SUSKE CHLOE TARLEN



DR. ALLEN ZIEKER

#### Our next meeting:

Our next meeting will be **live** on **Wed, May 7** at **Margarita City** at **5:30 PM.** So we can start on time, please try to arrive by 5:15 to have a few minutes to place your dinner order, so-cialize and generally unwind. We need a headcount, so if you haven't already done so, please let me know whether you'll be there. Call or text to 518-366-5299.



Our guest speaker will be Ballston Spa **Lion Ed Moore**, Orientation & Retention Chair on the 20-W Global Membership Team. He will provide a membership orientation that is extremely valuable for both new Lions and older Lions who think they know it all. Potential Lions are also welcome, especially if they're undecided about joining. He will also induct new Lion "Nightwing." Watch for a separate email on this subject.

#### 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.

#### Earth Day

We had local children with their parents creating boxes for the bee hives. Lions provided children's books courtesy of the Red Bookshelf and Lion Paul Collins-Hackett and a variety of seeds and tools for planting at the community garden or at one's home. We also created 75 special inspiring greetings cards for our regional spelling bee winner Krrisha as she goes off to Washington to compete nationally. We created a space for the community to come together in fellowship, and to beautify our environment. Refreshments, music, crafts, seeds and plant equipment were provided. [Photos on this page and the next are from Lions Queen and Ruth.]





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#### Your new Board of Directors

In an email vote over the last few weeks, these folks were unanimously elected to serve from July 1, 2025—June 30, 2026:

President Queen Ghaffar-Adjei Club Administrator Davia Gaddy 1st Vice President Paul Collins-Hackett Director, 1st of 2 years Maryanne Gordon 2nd Vice President Davia Gaddy Director, 1st of 2 years Mike O'Brien Davia Gaddy 3rd Vice President Greg Sheldon Director, 2nd of 2 years Secretary Jerry Gordon Director, 2nd of 2 years Allen Zieker Treasurer (Club) Ruth Sano Membership Chair Treasurer (Char Fund) Marketing Comm Chair Eva Bass Larry Krug Tail Twister S Newton/K Hamlin **Immediate Past Pres** Jodi Sheldon Lion Tamer S Newton/K Hamlin **LCIF** Coordinator Leo Chair Queen Ghaffar-Adjei

Note that there are still some openings if you'd like to be part of our leadership team. Contact jerry if you're interested.



#### **Celebrate Over a Century of Service!**

Join us for the 101st Annual MD-20 Lions Clubs Convention as we gather Lions from across New York State and Bermuda to honor our shared legacy and inspire future acts of kindness. This is more than a convention — it's a moment to reflect, connect, and empower each other to serve our communities with greater impact.

- Collection of small Lego kits for Roswell Park Cancer Institute: Each kit will be given to a child waiting for and during their treatments.
- Workshops & Panels: Tools and strategies to elevate your impact as a Lion.
- Networking Opportunities: Build meaningful connections with Lions who share your commitment.
- Hands-on Service Project
- Explore Niagara Falls: Be inspired by one of the world's natural wonders!

#### Register Today – Together, We Can Achieve Even More!

- Early Bird Registration Deadline: April 15, 2025
- Registration Fee: \$50 in advance (\$60 at the door)
- Secure Your Spot Now: https://md20lionsconvention.org

If you're planning to attend, please let Jerry know ASAP so he can register you as a delegate.

#### Happy Birthday!

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

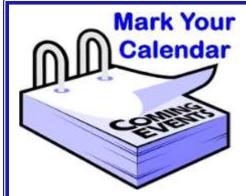
7th: Maryanne Gordon 10th: Vici Harris 26th: Allen Zieker



#### Happy Anniversary!

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

Stefan Fosco: 7 years Joann Beach: 21 years



May is Recycle for Sight Month

Wed, May 7: Lions meeting at Margarita City; see p 2

Sun, May 11: Mother's Day

May 16-18, MD20 Convention; see p 4 Mon, May 19: Lions BoD meeting on-line

Mon, May 26: Memorial Day

Fri, May 30: DG Testimonial; see p 6

Sat, Oct 11: Our 100th Anniversary! See p 7

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



The Lions International Convention is Sunday, July 13-Thursday, July 17, 2025.

If you've never been to an international convention, you're missing one of the highlights of the Lions year. You can connect with Lions and Leos from all over the world and build friendships that last a lifetime. You will hear from hundreds of Lion leaders and speakers who will present their ideas and inspire you to even greater levels of service to help you make the most of your Lion experience. Convention is where we celebrate the incredible work of Lions and Leos around the globe. And you can enjoy fantastic attractions, lively cuisine, trendy shopping and iconic theme parks in one of America's truly magical cities.

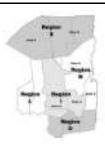
Here's why you should sign up now: If you register by March 1, the registration fee is \$190 (registration only; doesn't include lodging).

If you wait until March 2-July 10, it's \$265.

And if you wait until the last minute (July 10-July 17), it's \$340.

Visit this website for answers to all your questions: https://lionscon.lionsclubs.org/

If you're planning to attend, please let Jerry know ASAP so he can register you as a delegate.



#### NORTHERN NEW YORK LIONS 20W



Cordially invites you to the Testimonial Dinner honoring

District Governor Holly McConchie

Friday, May 30, 2025 at Turf Tavern
40 Mohawk Avenue, Scotia, NY 12302
(518) 393-3671
Meet & Greet: 6:00 – 7:00 PM with Cash Bar
& light Hors d'Oeuvres followed by
introductions and buffet dinner

Dinner: House & Caesar Salads, Warm Rolls & Whipped Butter, Roast Top Sirloin of Beef, Baked Scrod, and Tuscan Chicken, Potato or Rice, Fresh Vegetable, and Carrot Cake (ice cream available for Gluten Free) Coffee & Tea

Price: \$60.00 Prepayment to Margo Walrath, 13 Marilyn Drive Glenville, NY 12302 preferred RSVP: Lion Margo Walrath lionmargo20w@gmail.com by Monday, May 19<sup>th</sup>

Block of Rooms reserved at Hampton Inn, use link to reserve:

1 King Pillowtop Bed Nonsmoking - \$161.82

2 Queen Pillowtop Beds Nonsmoking - \$171.12

https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/albsyhx-600-9ed631ef-1943-40a8-8e54-1ad091a54a6f/

Dress Code - Business Casual





... Calvin Coolidge was president

...Prohibition was the law

... Capone and Corleone were not

...Great Gatsby lived in "style"

... Everyone was doing the Charleston

...Lions became "Knights of the Blind"
And...

Saratoga Springs,
Albany & Troy
Lions Clubs were chartered!

Save the date to celebrate 100 years of service with us!

## October 11, 2025







# Got Yarn? Or extra fleece fabric?



If you don't need it anymore, we will turn it into 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 2025.

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 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





