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**YOUR SUBMISSIONS
ARE ENCOURAGED!**

Report of the general and board meetings held on May 7 at Margarita City

Our guest speaker was Ballston Spa Lion Ed Moore, who presented an excellent orientation for new members and refresher for older members. He then inducted new Lions Khalel "Nightwing" Hamlin and Eric Thompson. In addition to gaining these two Lions, Lion Rich Schmidt, who moved here from Walton, NY, a few years ago, said he wants to transfer his membership into our club.

On Sunday, May 18, Queen will be combining our Leos with her Guardians of Al-Fitrah to feed the homeless and addicted of our community. The event will be in the old DMV parking lot across from Capital Mission in Albany. She expects to feed about 100 people.

Lansingburgh Boys & Girls Club will be joining with other area orgs to conduct a 6-week drop-in summer camp at Knickerbacker Park. Each week will have a different focus (sports & rec, STEM, etc). LB&GC is emphasizing literacy the week of July 21-25 and has asked us to put in another little free library during that week. We voted to spend the \$500 and do it.

Speaking of books, Lion Allen just returned from a vacation in Argentina with 11 Spanish books that will go into the Clinton Ave library. He said that if any of the books include subscriptions to provide books on a regular basis, he'd be happy to underwrite that, too.

We decided to hold our installation dinner on June 4 at Margarita City with a 6:00PM start time. Queen would like DG Holly to do the installation.

Report of the board meetings held on May 19 on line

Ruth has been keeping our HIVE library filled, and Jerry has been doing the same for the LB&GC library.

Ruth also reports that Lenscrafters in Colonie Center is now providing glasses again for those that can't afford them.

Both LCI and NYS&B (MD20) are increasing their dues on July 1 and again for LY'26-'27. We approved a motion to increase our dues from \$75 to \$85, effective July 1, 2025.

	2024-2025	2025-2026
LCI	\$48	\$50
NYS&B	\$21	\$23
20W	\$3	\$3

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Our next meeting:

Our next meeting will be our installation dinner on **Wednesday, June 4, at 6:00PM at Margarita City**. DG Holly McConchie will be doing the honors. All Lions, potential Lions and significant-others are encouraged to attend. So we can start on time, please try to arrive by 5:45 to have a few minutes to place your dinner order, socialize 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 next board meeting will be on **Monday, June 16 at 7:00PM** on Google Meet. Watch your email for the link.

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.

Spelling Bee

Krrisha Agrawall, our local spelling bee winner, headed to Washington, DC, for the finals during the week of May 26-29. Unfortunately, she did not make it past the quarter-finals

Feeding the Homeless



Lion Queen has organized another session to feed the homeless and those struggling with mental health and substance abuse issues. As with her previous sessions, our Leos will be heavily involved.



Happy Birthday!

Happy **June** birthday to only one A&T Lions:

26th: Doug Davis

**Happy Anniversary!**

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

Eva Bass, Shawn Newton, Jodi Sheldon:
6 years
Michelle Baker: 13 years
Doug Davis: 36 years

Mark Your Calendar

Sun, June 1: Helen Keller Day

Wed, June 4: Installation dinner, see p 2

Sat, June 14: Flag Day

Sun, June 15: Father's Day

Mon, June 16: Board meeting on Zoom, see p 2

Thurs., June 19: Juneteenth

Fri, June 20: Summer solstice

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



ORLANDO **2025**
107th LIONS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

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.

Note what Lion will be honored as Grand Marshal in the parade!

Queen will have our Leos participating.

Bring a potential member to a meeting.



the YMC AFRICAN HERITAGE PARADE

SATURDAY, JUNE 14 @ 11 AM • WASHINGTON PARK

OUR 2025 PARADE MARSHALS

	Dr. L. Oliver Robinson Shenendehowa Central Schools		Dr. Tina Omorogbe Association of Nigerians in the Capital District NY
	"Batman" Paul Collins-Hackett The Red Bookshelf		LaQuetta Alexander-Ellis Practice 2 Perfect Training Center LLC
	Miki Conn Hamilton Hill Arts Center		Honorable Lucille McKnight Former Albany County Legislator
	Pastor Jerry Ford Team Hero		J. David Brown Capital District YMCA

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Lions Service Areas



Diabetes



Disaster Relief



Environment



Humanitarian



Hunger



Vision



Youth



Childhood Cancer



Back in 1925...

- ...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



Gideon Putnam Hotel, Saratoga Springs





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
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