



# The Grand Island Lion

April 2023

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Lions,

The fast approaching Spaghetti Dinner will be hosted at River Oaks on Monday April 24<sup>th</sup> from 5pm to 8pm. Pre-sale tickets are available as well as ordering on line. This fundraising project has been a component of our club since the late 1950's. Its success is attributed to our members the community and local sponsors. Committees will be put together for a basket raffle, placemat, dinner servers, set-up, and clean-up. As a major fundraiser for our club this event allows us to support many local charities and causes. This is a great event to show why you are a GRAND ISLAND LION. Choose a committee to serve on and email Anne Fahning ([afahning52@gmail.com](mailto:afahning52@gmail.com)), Tom Rusert([terusert@yahoo.com](mailto:terusert@yahoo.com)) or Dick Crawford([richard.crawford.jr@gmail.com](mailto:richard.crawford.jr@gmail.com)).



### Lions General Membership Meeting

Wednesday April 12th 2023

Details TBA

### Joint Merritton Grand Island Lions

Joint Meeting

Wednesday, May 10th

Merritton Community Center

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### Lions Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

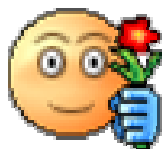
Monday April 24th 2023

River Oaks Golf Club

Details: See page 3

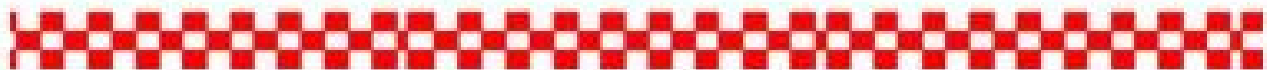
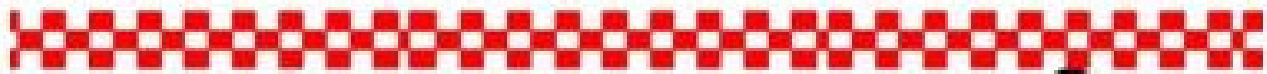


Lion Dick



Please keep Lion Henry in your thoughts and prayers as he recovers from a recent illness.

## GRAND ISLAND LIONS CLUB 54th ANNUAL



**MONDAY, APRIL 24, 2023 5 PM - 8 PM**

**ELLDEN'S GRILL AND BANQUET  
201 WHITEHAVEN ROAD  
GRAND ISLAND, NY**

**DINNER INCLUDES MEATBALLS, BREAD & SALAD**

**\$10.00 ADULTS \$5.00 KIDS 7 & UNDER**

**EAT IN OR TAKE OUT**

**BAKED GOODS SALE, CASH BAR**

**WE WILL HAVE OUR POPULAR 50/50**

**AND BASKET RAFFLES**

**WE ARE ACCEPTING PRE-ORDERS!**

**SEE OUR FACEBOOK PAGE TO PRE-ORDER:**

**[facebook.com/groups/GILIONSCLUB](https://www.facebook.com/groups/GILIONSCLUB)**

**or CALL LION DICK CRAWFORD AT 716-818-6992**

**Help us to help others!**

**We will be collecting non-perishable food items and diapers for  
The Neighbors Foundation.**

*Spaghetti dinner artwork courtesy of Put-In-Bay (Ohio) Fire Company*

### NO STATE (MULTIPLE) DUES INCREASE THIS YEAR...BUT...

Multiple Secretary/Treasurer Tim Jachlewski has indicated the multiple has mitigated the financial stressors placed upon it over the past number of years; therefore no dues increase this year. However, a \$7 increase spread over three years, is up for a vote at the International Convention being held in Boston this year. The proposed increases are \$3 in 2023 and \$2 each for 2024 and 2025. This would be the first increase in international dues since 2011.



### STATE CONVENTION TAKES PLACE IN BUFFALO, APRIL 27-30!

Buffalo has always been a hit with state conventioners for many, many years now. Find out by being a part of it and register now at <https://md20lionsconvention.org>. Registrations are \$45.00 but our club will reimburse up to two Lions who attend. Just sign up then present your Treasurer proof of payment. Meals are not included and must be ordered on or before March 31st or you can do it on your own by visiting the numerous downtown restaurants. The Saturday evening gala is looking to be a blast with its "Hooray for Hollywood" theme. Who will you be going as? And the hospitality suites (11 in all) are always fun to meet up with Lions from around the state. Do it now, as meal and gala tickets will not be on sale at the convention.

### IF YOU'RE GOING TO THE STATE CONVENTION AND WOULD LIKE A ROOM

Remember to book your room reservations for MD-20 New York & Bermuda Lions Convention. Last day to book your reservation is Wednesday, March 29. Click on this link <https://md20lionsconvention.org/> Register first under "Buy Tickets" then click on "Hotel Reservations" under HOTEL & CONFERENCE INFORMATION tab. All delegates booked at the Hyatt or Embassy Suites before Wednesday March 29, will be entered to win a gift card to Pearl Street Grill and Brewery.



### DG MIKE AND LION TOM WITKOWSKI APPEAR ON BROADCASTING BUFFALO

On the heels of the story reported by WKBW-TV (and reported in this newsletter last month), DG Mike and Lion Tom appeared on "Broadcasting Buffalo", produced and directed by media students at Buffalo State University and moderated by Kevin O'Connell, former weather anchor at several local TV outlets. The interview dealt with the behind-the-scenes activities that prompted the emergency grant from the Brandel-Murphy Youth Foundation and the work to bring it to fruition. Mr. O'Connell praised the work of the Lions organization, not only for all the local efforts to make the Buffalo area a better place to live in but the far-flung activities that help communities throughout the world.



**WE SERVE**



Please return your empties to Bottle and Can Retrieval Center 2447 Grand Island Blvd, Grand Island, **Grand Island Can and Bottle Retrieval Center** is now tracking our donations when items are left for them to credit our account.



**Donations for the Neighbors Foundation are on the upswing so please continue to bring any of the listed items to our meetings or drop off Tops gift cards, food items and checks/cash to me and I will deliver to them. They are also in need of diapers, toiletries and personal care items.**

**Thank you, Lion Tom Rusert**



Stuart Sports has many styles and colors of polo shirts along with other apparel available. Stop in and peruse their catalogs and request that the Grand Island Lions logo be applied to your selection.

It's just a short drive to Lewiston:  
Stuart Sports 486 Center St. Lewiston,  
NY (716-754-4895)

<http://www.stuartsportsinc.com/>

Lion Tom Rusert

Thanks to Lions Tom Rusert, Tom Witkowski, JIM Ryan and Dick Crawford for contributions to this newsletter. The deadline for the May Newsletter is Friday April 28th. If you have material for the newsletter, you can e-mail it to Lion Dave Chervinsky, the editor/publisher at: [grandislandliondave@gmail.com](mailto:grandislandliondave@gmail.com).

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Anne Fahning  
Jeanine Justen  
Patrick Patterson