



# The Grand Island Lion

December 2018

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## Upcoming Events:



**WE SERVE**

**December 12th**

Lions Christmas Party  
The Radisson Inn  
Cocktails 6:00 Dinner 7PM  
Program: Lion District Governor  
Jeff Jarvis

**December 25th**  
**Merry Christmas!**



**February 27th 2019**  
Bowling at Mallwitz Lanes

**April 24th 2019**  
Visit Merritton

**April 29th 2019**  
Lions Spaghetti Dinner  
GI Radisson Inn

The Holidays are upon us. I hope everyone enjoyed their Thanksgiving. We have so much to be thankful for.

The second Saturday in November we had our Health Fair. It was the 2<sup>nd</sup> Health Fair for our Club. It was well attended by Vendors and we had some great feedback from some of the vendors and attendees. A huge thank you goes out to all that gave of their time, talent and treasure to make the event successful. Hopefully we all learned something while we were there and emerged a bit healthier for having the event.

As we move into our Christmas gathering, we have invited District Governor Jeffrey Jarvis, and his wife, Cabinet Secretary Aimee Jarvis, Chair Jeremy Schnurr, Region 2 Zone 1 Chair Rich Niezgoda, and hopefully they will be able to join us.

As we head into the New Year we always like to think of Resolutions and perhaps collectively we can resolve to increase our membership. If each of us were to make a personal commitment to sponsor one new member, just think of the amazing things we will be able to accomplish. Besides Lion Tom Rusert has the membership contest monies burning a hole in his pocket.

I would personally like to wish each and every one of you and your loved ones a very Merry Christmas and an exceptionally Happy and Prosperous New Year!

Not above you, not beneath you, but with you!

Lion President Shelia



## AN IMPORTANT NOTE TO ALL MEMBERS

At our last board meeting, the subject of Lions who state they will attend a meeting but do not show up needed to be addressed as we have to pay for a no-show. When the number of attendees are called in to the restaurants of our meetings, the club is obligated to pay for the meals ordered even when a member does not show up when he or she said they will. This causes an unnecessary financial drain on our club's General Fund when this happens. To mitigate this situation, if you say you will be attending and do not show up, we will arrange with the restaurant staff to pack your dinner and dessert. A club member will then contact you for you to pick up your meal and the cost of it. Please submit your payment (check made out to our club is preferred) when picking up your meal.

Lion Tom Witkowski  
716-909-1862



**50/50**



Split Club has been changed from cards to Hershey kisses. There are 48 silver and 4 gold. If a gold is pulled the Lion member wins. Lion Anne made a motion to use this new method 2nd by LP Shelia, passed. Lion Jeanine pulled a silver kiss.



**GRAND ISLAND LIONS  
CHRISTMAS PARTY  
DECEMBER 12TH  
RADISSON INN  
COCTAILS 6PM DINNER 7PM  
COME AND ENJOY  
GOOD FOOD  
GOOD FRIENDSHIP  
SONG AND ENTERTAINMENT**



Lions, Our Christmas Party will be on December 12th at the Radisson Inn on the Island. Come join us for one of our clubs highlight events of the year. District Governor Jeff Jarvis and his bride, Cabinet Secretary Lion Aimee, both of the Pendleton Lions Club, will be attending our along with Region 2 Chair Jeremy Schnurr from the Tonawandas Erie Canal Gateway Lions Club and Region 2 Zone 1 Chair Rich Niezgoda. Lion Tom Witkowski



DG Jeff Jarvis

Please bring non-perishable food items, Tops gift cards of any value or checks payable to the Grand Island Neighbors Foundation to our Christmas party on December 12th so we may help serve those in need this Holiday Season.

Thanks and Merry Christmas,  
Lion Tom Rusert

**Save The Date!  
Spaghetti Dinner  
Radisson Hotel Ballroom  
Monday April 29, 2019**



**For more information,  
contact Lion Dick  
Crawford**

### **Meals on Wheels:**

We continue to deliver MOW twice monthly (the first and third Fridays). It takes about 1 hour. If anyone is interested in joining the team please contact Annette at 773-3530

Lewiston Community Lions is hosting a raffle to raise funds for a community playground for all children of all abilities. The playground will be built in conjunction with the Town and Village of Lewiston. The three prizes are \$5,000, \$2,000, and \$1,000. Drawing will be held May 1, 2019. Tickets are \$50.00 each. The club is also looking for volunteers to help build it starting next spring. For tickets, contact me. If you would like to split the purchase of a ticket with others, that is doable. Contact me about that also.

For more info on the park, contact Lion Lynn Bahringer at 716-807-2409 or via email at bahringer@aol.com. The club's website is [www.LewistonCommunityLions.org](http://www.LewistonCommunityLions.org).

The club has witnessed the success of our community's Miracle League playground and have reached out for assistance in leveraging funds and people-power and LionPower to get the job done. Where there is a need, Lions will be there.

Lion Tom Witkowski  
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Members should continue to bring nonperishable food items to our regular meetings for benefit of the Neighbors Foundation Food Bank, and used cell phones can be repurposed by the Erie County Sheriff's domestic violence unit.

Continue to donate your empty cans and bottles to Bottle Junction. The advantage of this donation is you do not have to wait. Just tell them to donate the proceeds to the Lions. Thank you to all who participated.

Lion Tom Rusert





Our Guest speaker at our November 14th meeting was Elizabeth O'Donnell of Gliding Stars. This is an ice-skating program for kids with special needs. Walkers etc are adapted so these kids can skate and participate. It is the philosophy of Gliding Stars to use ice skating for the physical, mental, and emotional growth of persons with disabilities. It is family oriented. Each child must have at least one family member volunteer. The program has been organized for 39 years. It depends on donations. There are three sites locally and ten chapters in other states. O'Donnell seen here, on the right receives a gift and donation from Lion President Shelia Ferrentino on behalf of our club.



Lion Tom Witkowski reported for the Peace Poster Committee that a 7<sup>th</sup> grade student from the GI Middle School, Hannah Susman will represent the Club as our first place winner.



LP Shelia Ferrentino awarded the Centennial Celebration Pin to Lion Tom Rusert. for recruiting and retaining Lions Danielle and Jim Rose, as well as Lions Jeanine Justin and Sarah Sweeny for one year and one day.





Pictures from our November 10th Health and Wellness Fair held at Trinity Church on Grand Island. Additional photos on page 6.





Thanks to Lions Annette-Boies Lobl, Shelia Ferrentino, Tom Witkowski, Dick Crawford and Tom Rusert for contributions to this newsletter. The deadline for the January Newsletter is Thursday December 27th. If you have material for the newsletter, you can e-mail it to Lion Dave Chervinsky, the editor/publisher, at: [grandislandliodave@gmail.com](mailto:grandislandliodave@gmail.com).

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Robert Goulding  
Sarah A. Sweeney  
Robert Christmann  
Norman Hahn