



The Grand Island Lion

January 2019

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Upcoming Events:



WE SERVE

January 23rd - Radisson (General Membership and Board Meeting)

February 27th – Meeting at Mallwitz's Island Lanes (General Membership and Board Meeting)

March 13th - Meeting at Grand Island Highway Garage Whitehaven Road Catered with No Alcohol (General Meeting and Board Meeting)

April 10th - BLC (General Membership and Board Meeting)

April 24th - Trip to Merritton Ontario Lions Club

April 29th – Spaghetti Dinner at Radisson

May 8th - Radisson

May 22nd - BLC (General Membership and Board Meeting)

June 12th - Installation Dinner Radisson

July 17th – Special Kids Picnic at BLC

HAPPY
NEW YEAR

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year Lions. Wishing you and your family all the best life has to offer in 2019. A huge thank you to Lions Fred and Donna and, of course, Tammy for the coordinating and execution of another great Christmas Party. The question is, what will you do to top it next year? The games were a hoot. It doesn't matter how old or young you are, we all still like to have fun and enjoy watching other people having fun. It was a great time with great people.



There are just a few more days left in 2018. The year just flew by. It is a great time to take a sweeping look back and reflect. We have a lot to look forward to in 2019. How many have a New Year's Resolution? What is your plan for 2019 for your health, happiness and success. Mine is to work less, play more, spend more time with family and friends.

We have a challenge ahead of us to grow our club's membership. 2019 is the year of the New Member. Is there someone you know or someone you just met that would be a great Lion. Someone once said to me, if you don't ask...you don't get. Please be sure to spread the greatness of Lionism as you are about in the community. Not to mention, Tom Rusert is eager to give the jackpot away to the Lion that sponsors the most members.

A toast ... Not above you, not below you, but with you in Lionism.

See you next year.

Lion President Shelia

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.



Our Lions Christmas Party was held on December 12th at the Buffalo Launch Club. Distinguished guests were Lion District Governor Jeff Jarvis, Lions Cabinet Chair Jeremy Schnurr and Reg 2 Zone 1 Chair Rich Niezgoda. Pictured above, Governor Jeff poses with our club, our president Shelia, and his birthday cupcake.



Winners and losers from our Christmas cup stacking contest. Clockwise from the upper left Lion Dick Crawford takes the high road as Bob Fahning was the overall winner, Lion Tom Witkowski struggles as Cabinet Chair Jeremy Schnurr towers to victory and new members Lion Mike Kelly and Samantha Miller go head to head. Honorable mention to Lion Brooks and Brenda Rimes— no picture available.



Governor Jeff giving out longevity awards at our Christmas party.

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.



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

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

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.

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
 716-909-1862

Lions Collections for 2018:

Totals....

1,008 glasses

362 sunglasses

607 glass cases

29 hearing devices

Many Thanks to Lion Bob Goulding!

At our Christmas party our generous Lions donated 100 lbs. of food and \$240.00 cash, checks and Tops gift cards to the Grand Island Neighbors Foundation.

Thank you Lions!

Lion Tom Rusert

Thanks to Lions Annette-Boies Lobl, Shelia Ferrentino, Tom Witkowski, Dick Crawford, Kelly McGarvey and Tom Rusert for contributions to this newsletter. The deadline for the January Newsletter is Friday January 25th. If you have material for the newsletter, you can e-mail it to Lion Dave Chervinsky, the editor/publisher, at:
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Lion Abby Chervinsky with her Uncle Tom Witkowski at the Sidway's Playground Holiday Walk Fundraiser. Uncle Tom, AKA Lion Tom, AKA Mr. Lion, spent a good portion of his Saturday making the Lions relevant in the community, recruiting new members, and selling Brandel-Murphy Youth Foundation raffle tickets for a Super Bowl LIII package for two. Our Lions Club contributed \$1000 to the playground project and applied for a matching \$1000 grant from the Brandel-Murphy Foundation.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Adrienne Cassata