



# The Grand Island Lion

January 2021

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## Upcoming Events:

January 13th 2021  
Lions General Meeting  
Via Zoom 6:30 PM



**WE SERVE**



Don't forget to wear your magnetic Lion emblem. Show the public you are a Lion. Words of wisdom: Perseverance breeds "success"

Lion Bob Goulding



Dear Lions, I hope everyone has had a safe and merry holiday season so far. New Years eve is upon us and I want to wish all of the GI Lions and your families a Happy New Year and good riddance to 2020.



Both Judy and I have been down for the count with Covid 19. It put a serious crimp in our Christmas celebrations. I know others have also had this experience which I wouldn't wish on my worst enemy. So wash your hands, wear your mask and wipe down surfaces before and after you touch them.

I am looking forward to what this new year will bring us with the availability of the Covid 19 vaccines. Maybe, just maybe we will be able to safely meet in person before the year is done and we can get back to doing the good things we do as Grand Island Lions.

I look forward to our January meeting which will continue to be a Zoom meeting.

With the days getting longer again and a new year ahead of us I am positive and upbeat about what's ahead.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lion Pres. Paul



**Everyday Hero - Super Raffle**  
Be A Super Hero For Children In Need

**Grand Prize - \$5,000**

2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize:	\$ 2,000
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize:	\$ 1,000
4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> Prizes:	\$ 500
6 <sup>th</sup> thru 9 <sup>th</sup> Prizes:	\$ 250

**Special  
6 Tickets  
For \$100**

**\$20 Per Ticket**

Drawing will be held Sunday, February 7, 2021

All proceeds benefit children in need through the Brandel-Murphy Youth Foundation

For Tickets Contact: Tom Witkowski Phone: 909-1862  
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Make checks payable to:  
Brandel-Murphy Youth Foundation  
PO Box 913  
Rockville Centre, NY 11571

For further information visit us at [www.brandelmurphyfoundation.org](http://www.brandelmurphyfoundation.org)  
We are a 501(c)(3) organization. Contributions are deductible to the extent allowed by law.

### Everyday Hero Super Raffle

The Brandel-Murphy Youth Foundation is proud to announce that \$10,000 will be awarded as prizes in this year's raffle. It has been rebranded as the Everyday Hero Super Raffle due to the pandemic and the probability that the Super Bowl will not be open to the public in February. The grand prize is \$5,000 with eight other prizes ranging from \$250 up to \$2,000. The drawing will be held on Sunday, February 7th, 2021. Tickets can be purchased for \$20 each or six for \$100. Your contributions are deductible to the extent allowed by law.



During these unprecedented times, the Brandel-Murphy Youth Foundations needs your help more than ever. Your support enables us to award matching grants to statewide Lions Clubs whose projects are dedicated to help children-in-need. During this year of multiple crises, the foundation has helped over 30,000 kids providing more than \$50,000 toward projects that provided emergency food supplies and vision testing and therapy for at-risk children to name a few. Since its inception, BMYF has provided \$225,000 in grants improving the lives of almost 172,000 kids. And there is much more to do!

The foundation has provided grants to our club totaling \$6,500 that have funded our Special Kids Picnic, the playgrounds at Miracle League Park and Sidway Elementary and the aforementioned FJC satellite. This translates to 1,500 kids-in-need getting the help to improve their lives.

Your tickets are waiting for you! They will make great presents and gifts too! Email me at [liontom20n@roadrunner.com](mailto:liontom20n@roadrunner.com) or 716-909-1862 and I will be happy to get them to you.

Visit our website at [brandelmurphyfoundation.org](http://brandelmurphyfoundation.org) to learn more about us and how you can help.

### Family Justice Center update:

The Grand Island satellite of the Family Justice Center will be opening this coming Spring. The accompanying screenshot shows the first floor rework. Our club is the very first sponsor at the satellite, sponsoring the children's and client service living rooms located on the second floor of the former parsonage of Trinity United Methodist Church. We obtained a \$1,500 matching grant from the Brandel-Murphy Youth Foundation to fulfill our \$3,000 sponsorship. The funds will be used for toys, toy storage, a blackboard and kid-sized furniture. The funds also extend to the client service living room purchasing chairs, a love seat, wall decor, lamps, side tables, an area rug, and window treatments. We will remain the sponsor for five years after which we have first rights to continue the sponsorship. Much thanks is due to our Recording Secretary Lion Donna Lavallee who brought the project to the club's attention.

For more information on the FJC, go to <https://www.fjcsafe.org>.

Many thanks to the Lions that contributed to the Neighbors Foundation. Our totals for December are \$330.00 cash and checks, food totaling 50 pounds, one 20 lb. frozen turkey and one free turkey coupon. Denny and Anne Dahl with the Foundation say thanks to the Grand Island Lions.

Who knows when our in person meetings will resume so I'll gladly keep collecting till we meet again.

Happy New Year,

Lion Tom Rusert



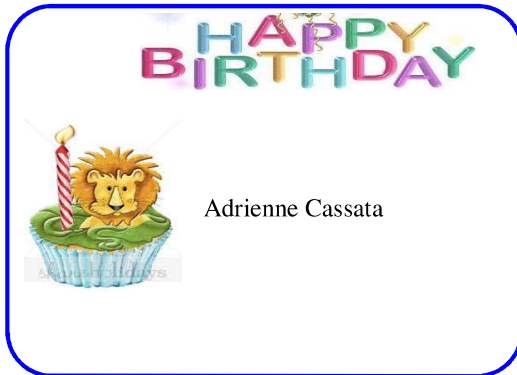
Please return your empties to Bottle and Can Retrieval Center 2447 Grand Island Blvd, Grand Island, NY. Just mention that you would like the deposit money to be credited to the Grand Island Lions Club.



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Lion Tom Rusert



Adrienne Cassata

Thanks to Lions Tom Rusert, Bob Goulding, Tom Witkowski, Kelly McGarvey, Donna Lavalley, and Paul Krupa for contributions to this newsletter. The deadline for the February Newsletter is Thursday January 28th. If you have material for the newsletter, you can e-mail it to Lion Dave Chervinsky, the editor/publisher: [grandislandliondave@gmail.com](mailto:grandislandliondave@gmail.com).

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