



# The Grand Island Lion

January 2022

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## Upcoming Events:

January 12th G.I. Community Center  
6:30pm

February 23 Mallwitz Lanes 6:30pm

March 9 G.I. Community Center  
6:30pm

April 23 G.I. Community Center 6:30pm

April 25 Spaghetti Dinner Knights of  
Columbus 6:30pm

May 11 G.I. Community Center 6:30pm

May 25 Launch Club not confirmed  
6:30pm

June 8 Installation Dinner Launch Club  
not confirmed 6:30pm



The Grand Island Lions ran a fundraiser for the Grand Island Neighbors Foundation by offering free bowling for anyone who brought in a frozen turkey or a comparable gift to Mallwitz Lanes on November 17<sup>th</sup>. The Grand Island Community came out and donated 200 pounds of food including 17 Turkeys, and \$100 in donations. The Lions presented the items to the Neighbors Foundation on December 9<sup>th</sup> at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Whitehaven Road. Seen with Turkeys in hand are from left to right, Lions Dave Chervinsky, Tom Rusert, Dick Crawford and Tom Witkowski.



**WE SERVE**





On Wednesday December 8th our Lions Club held their annual Christmas Party at the Buffalo Launch Club. Guests of honor were District Governor Spencer Vail and Wife Karen along with our Zone Chair Paul Smith and his Wife PDG Donna. After District Governor Spencer spoke to our Club, acting Lion President Dick Crawford presented our Governor with a check for \$150 to his favorite charity, Lions Clubs International. Games and songs followed dinner and a good time was had by all.





## Grand Island Lions Club Christmas Dinner December 8, 2021

Attendance: 21; Paul Bassette, Judy Bassette, Tom Butler, Peggy Butler, Jim Ryan, Kelly McGarvey, Jim McGarvey, Dick Crawford, Marla Crawford, Tom Rusert, Peggy Rusert, Tom Witkowski, Diana Witkowski, Dave Chervinsky, Donna Lavallee, Stu Lavallee, Sheila Ferrentino, DG Specer Vail, Karen Vail, Zone chair Paul Smith and PDG Donna Smith.

PM. Pledge led by Lion Donna, Song: Lion Tom, Lions Prayer, Lion Paul B

Introduction of guests: Lion Tom W DG Spencer Vail and wife Karen Vail and 2 Zone Chair Paul Smith and wife PDG Donna Smith.

### Meal

Guest Speaker: DG Spencer Vail addressed the group and shared his vision for the year. DG Vail distributed Service Chevron awards to: Donna Lavallee; 15 years, Dave Chervinsky; 20 years, Bob Christman; 35 years.

Treasurers Report: Tom Witkowski All members received a copy of the report via email.

Motion: to accept treasurers report Lion Donna, seconded by Lion Dave, motion passed.

Correspondence: Lion Kim: We received a patch for a \$50/member average banner patch. Brandel Murphy raffle tickets; \$20/ticket or 6 for \$100. We received 12 tickets. The club has this budgeted, for some or all of these tickets, however, members can also purchase individual tickets, see Lion Tom Witkowski if interested.

GI Neighbors Foundation turkey drive: 17 turkeys were collected and given to the GI Neighbors Foundation.

Lion Kelly: Led the club in Christmas games and fun!

New Business: from cabinet meeting

January 12 - Community Center

February 23 - Mallwitz Valentines Party

March 9 - Community Center

April 13 - Community Center

April 25 - Spaghetti Dinner

May 11 - Community Center

May 25 - Peace Poster BLC

June 8 - Installation Dinner

Respectively submitted by Lion Donna Lavallee



## Super Hero Raffle

**Be A Super Hero For Children In Need**

Drawing will be held Super Bowl Sunday, February 13, 2022

<p><b>Grand Prize - \$5,000</b></p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: \$ 2,000</p> <p>3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: \$ 1,000</p> <p>4<sup>th</sup> &amp; 5<sup>th</sup> Prizes: \$ 500</p> <p>6<sup>th</sup> thru 9<sup>th</sup> Prizes: \$ 250</p>	 <div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 5px; color: red; font-weight: bold;"> <b>Special 6 Tickets For \$100</b> </div>
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**\$20 Per Ticket**

*-- Purchase Tickets Online --*

**Tickets purchased online will be entered in an ADDITIONAL special drawing for a chance to win a large flat screen TV.**

**To Purchase Tickets Scan here** → 

**Or log on to [brandelmurphyfoundation.org](http://brandelmurphyfoundation.org)**

Or...make your check payable and send, with ticket stubs to:

Brandel-Murphy Youth Foundation  
P.O. Box 913  
Rockville Centre, NY 11571

**For Tickets & Information Contact: John Wargo**

Email: [jwargo@yahoo.com](mailto:jwargo@yahoo.com)  
cell: 1-(845) 489-1578

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

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.



# WE SERVE



Attention all budding artists! Pin design candidates for our 2022 MD-20 Lions Convention are being solicited. The convention will take place in Niagara Falls. Artists can enter as many designs as they wish prior to November 13, 2021. The designs should incorporate the words "Niagara Falls, NY" and verbiage indicating it's the 98th MD-20 Lions Convention. The design should also have a location for the Lions International logo. The winning design will not only be distributed as the convention pin, but it will also be placed on all sportswear sold at the convention.



Submit all entries to PCC Sharon Battaglia at sharonb20n@gmail.com. The winner will be selected at the District Cabinet Meeting on November 13, 2021. Good luck to all entrants!

## Thank You!



### NEIGHBORS FOUNDATION OF GRAND ISLAND, INC.

P.O. Box 155 Grand Island, New York 14072  
[www.gineighbors.org](http://www.gineighbors.org)

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To the Grand Island Lions Club and its Thoughtful Members:

Thank you for your continued food (and financial) donations to the Neighbors Foundation of Grand Island, Inc. Your generosity, over 75 lbs of food last month, combined with that of many other individuals and organizations, makes it possible for the Neighbors Foundation to help your Grand Island neighbor families who continue to have temporary financial difficulty during this Covid pandemic economic slowdown and stress. Your steady collecting of food has been especially appreciated in this past year as school and other collections are slowed by Covid pandemic restrictions. I see a promise of more food collecting at your November meeting - **Thank You Again!**

We exist only because of donations such as yours. We operate with an all-volunteer group of workers, so you can be assured that the maximum possible amount of your donation is used for help of your neighbors. The families we help may be near you, or at the other end of the Island, and are generally "invisible" in this modern material world of suburbia. We (thanks to your support) are there for them.

Thank you again, for your support.

Sincerely,

*Henry G. Kammerer*  
Henry G. Kammerer  
Fund Raising Chair

Please note for tax purposes:

The Neighbors Foundation did not provide any goods or services in consideration for this donation

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.**



Lions: Donations for the Neighbors Foundation can be brought to each meeting or dropped off to me at 895 North Colony Road.

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



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Robert Goulding  
Sarah A. Sweeney  
Robert Christmann  
Norman Hahn  
Adrienne Cassata

Thanks to Lions Tom Rusert, Dick Crawford, Kelly McGarvey, Donna Lavalley and Tom Witkowski for contributions to this newsletter. The deadline for the February Newsletter is Friday January 28th. If you have material for the newsletter, you can e-mail it to Lion Dave Chervinsky, the editor/publisher:

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