



The Grand Island Lion

January 2014

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**HAPPY
NEW YEAR**



**The split club is now
\$141 and counting...**



WE SERVE

Upcoming events:

January:

Wednesday January 8th

Lions General Meeting
Byblos Resort and Spa
Cocktails 6:30PM Dinner 7PM
Speaker: 20N District Governor
Dan Dunn

Wednesday

Lions BOD Dinner Meeting
Buffalo Launch Club
Cocktails 6:30PM Dinner 7PM
Program: BOD- All members are
welcome to attend.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A great time was had by all at our holiday party on December 11th at Byblos. Lion Fred and Tammy provided the entertainment and did an outstanding job. There were 3 very funny looking snowmen present. I think Frosty's job is safe.

And it looks like another successful year of Christmas Tree sales at Kelly's. There was heavy early demand and only 20 trees left a week before Christmas. Thanks to all who went, helped with sales and promoted our club.

Soon, many of our Officers and Board Members will be headed to Florida for warmer weather. This will affect our attendance at meetings. It's up to those of us still here to rally together and keep the meetings well attended and interesting. I'll work on providing speakers at the first meeting of the month, but the club needs your attendance.

On January 8th at Byblos, District Governor Dan Dunn will be visiting us and bringing news from the district level and information about our fellow clubs. Let's have a strong showing so Dan knows the Grand Island Lions Club is alive and well.

The January 22nd meeting will be at the Launch Club and will be primarily a Board of Directors meeting, but all members are welcome to attend.

Happy New Years to all!

Yours in service,

Lion President Brooks



MEALS ON WHEELS SCHEDULE

PICK UP MEALS @ 11:15 A.M.

DATE	NORTH ROUTE		SOUTH ROUTE	
	LION #1	LION #2	LION #1	LION #2
January 3	Witkowski			
January 17				
February 7	Witkowski			
February 21			Fahming	
March 7	Witkowski		Fahming	
March 21			Fahming	

Hi Lions,

Well, it's time for us to step up to the plate while some of our Lion snow birds head south for the winter. We need replacements for Meal on Wheels deliveries while they're gone. If you can volunteer 60 - 90 minutes of your day on the first and third Fridays from January to March it will be most appreciated.

The following dates (all on Fridays) comprise our schedule (on left) as Lions. Simply show up at Elderwood at 2850 Grand Island Blvd at 11:15 am, find your route's meals, count the number and types of meals to be delivered, then whisk them off into your car. Two Lions are better than one for each route: one drives, the other delivers. Couldn't be any simpler than that! So email me back with the days you're available. Then we'll be good to go!

I will update the list as responses are received.

Sincerely yours in service,
Lion Tom W.



Lion Snowman Tom W.



Lion Fred Looks on as Tammy leads us in song.



Lion Snowman Henry



Lions examine their "gifts."



Lion Snowman Dave

On December 11th our Grand Island Lions Club held their annual Christmas Party at the Byblos Resort. Lion Fred Ruocco and his better half Tammy entertained us with a snowman wrapping contest, gift exchange and Christmas songs. In addition, \$500 was raised through members gift contributions for the Neighbors Foundation.

Save the Date!

2014 EYE BALL

PRESENTED BY THE
VISION BEYOND SIGHT FOUNDATION
TO BENEFIT THE ROSS EYE INSTITUTE

Saturday, March 1, 2014

Doors open at 6:00 pm

Formal dinner and presentation
Live music and dancing
Free valet parking
Black tie optional

Asbury Hall at Babeville
341 Delaware Avenue
Buffalo, New York 14202

Help Unmask the Future of Sight!

Visit RossEye.com/upcoming-events
or call 878-2491 to pre-register.

The Eye Ball is a
tax-deductible event.

**It's an event not
to be missed!**

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...and its mission to cure eye disease and provide
world-class treatment for the WNY community.

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Saturday, March 1, 2014
Doors open at 6:00 pm

Save the date to celebrate
with a Mardi Gras theme—
and yes, masks are encouraged!

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Lions,

What you see is the front and back of the mailing for the Eye Ball to be held to benefit the Vision Beyond Sight Foundation on March 1. If anyone is interested in going, tickets are expected to "fly off the shelf", so early reservations are suggested. Diana and I will be attending so if anyone else from our club is coming, you will be welcomed to join our table.

Lion Tom Witkowski

It gives me great pleasure to announce that the Vision Beyond Sight Foundation has received a bequest of a little over \$151,000 from Fredric Buch, father of Peter Buch who was instrumental in the formation and operation of the Lions Eye Diagnostic Center (LEDC) of the Ross Eye Institute in Buffalo. Peter, who was an accomplished ice-skater, cyclist, and photographer, passed away suddenly May 23, 2010 at the age of 48, leaving an unmistakable legacy at the Ross. The bequest, comprised of a mix of stocks and cash, will be used to fund various Lions-related projects closely or directly involved in the operation of the LEDC: funding the Peter Buch Memorial Cycle for Sight for the next fifteen years, continue the research on childhood eye diseases Peter was so involved with exclusive of salaries, and healthcare directly related to correcting eye abnormalities be it office visits, surgery, or eyeglasses. Per direction of the bequest, \$10,000 will be given to the Buffalo Host Lions Club through the Foundation to be used at their discretion. Buffalo Host has been one of the largest donors to the Foundation since its' founding. We are indebted to the Buch family and deeply appreciate their generosity in continuing Peter's work and ours as Lions.

Lion Tom Witkowski



PHOTO Peter Buch



WINTER CARTOONS...

Bon Ton Fundraiser Update

The store has sent the club a check for \$90.17 bringing the total funds raised to \$773.

Lion Annette



We received a check for \$219 from the Ray Wheeler Fund as the other half of the money needed to pay for the telescopic lenses for our Grand island lady. Kudos to Tom W. for applying for this. The check will be forwarded to Dick Crawford for deposit.
Lion Annette

Thank You!

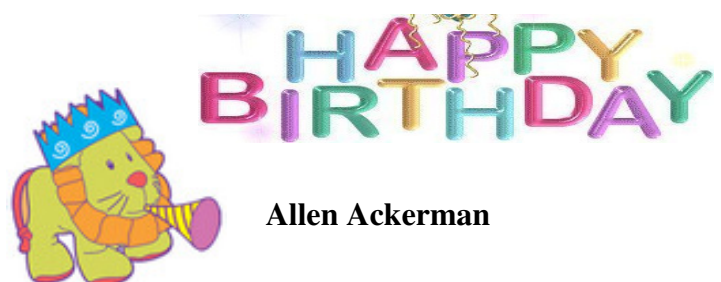
Thanks to Sean Kelly and Kelly's Country store for once again sharing the proceeds of the Christmas Tree sale with our Lions Club. Special thanks to Lions Henry, Annette, Anne, Brooks, Dave, Paul, Donna, and Tom W for braving the cold, helping with sales, and promoting our club.

Lion Dave

Thanks to Lions Annette Boies-Lobl, Tom Witkowski, and Brooks Rimes for contributions to this newsletter. The deadline for the February Newsletter is Friday January 31st. If you have material for the newsletter, you can e-mail it to Lion Dave Chervinsky, the editor/publisher, at: grandislandliondave@gmail.com.

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Allen Ackerman