



# The Grand Island Lion

## July-August 2020

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### Upcoming Events:

#### Grand Island Lions Club Meeting Dates and Places for- 2020

- July 15th 2020 Special Kids Picnic Cancelled
- August 1st 2020 Members picnic at the Fahnings Details TBA
- August \_ White Cane Drive TBA

Dear Lions, this has certainly been a year of transition and now it's time to transition to a new Lions year. It has been a privilege and an honor for me to serve with you this past year. I look forward to the time when we can be together and catch up on all this time we've missed. I am grateful for all of your help and support and wish you and your families all the best health and happiness. With my warmest regards,  
PP Anne



**WE SERVE**

Thank you everyone for their timely payment of their dues. Thanks to Lion Kelly for her help in getting member's checks to me.

Lion Tom W.

**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

### Grand Island Lions Club Meals on Wheels Schedule May-Dec, 2020

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|--------------|-------------------------------------|
| May 01       | Henry, Annette and Dave             |
| May 15       | Anne fahning and Paul Bassette      |
| June 05      | Shelia Ferrentino and Tom Witkowski |
| June 19      | Henry ,Annette and Dave Chervinssky |
| July 03      | Henry, Annette and Dave             |
| July 17      | Anne fahning and Paul Bassette      |
| August 07    | Shelia Ferrentino and Tom Witkowski |
| August 21    | Henry, Annette and Dave             |
| September 04 | Henry, Annette and Dave             |
| September 18 | Anne Fahning and Paul Bassette      |
| October 03   | Shelia ferrentino and Tom Witkowski |
| November 06  | Henry, Annette and Dave             |
| November 20  | Anne Fahning and Paul Bassette      |
| December 04  | Henry, Annette and Dave             |
| December 18  | Henry, Annette and Tom Witkowski    |

**Lions,**

Non-perishable food items will be collected to benefit the Grand Island Neighbors Foundation when we resume meetings. Also used cell phones are needed by the Sheriff's Department Domestic Violence unit. Phones are reprogrammed for emergency use by victims under their watch.



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.

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**



Paul Bassette  
Daniel Morabito, Sr.  
Mark Frentzel  
Paul Krupa  
Anne Ryan

Shelia Ferrentino  
Donna Lavalley  
Kimberly Pressley

Thanks to Lions Tom Rusert, Bob Goulding, Tom Witkowski, and Anne Fahning for contributions to this newsletter. The deadline for the September Newsletter is Friday August 28th. If you have material for the newsletter, you can e-mail it to Lion Dave Chervinsky, the editor/publisher:

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## The Brandel - Murphy Lions Youth Foundation

**Our Mission:** "To provide assistance to children in need, throughout the state of New York and the country of Bermuda, through partnerships with Lions and other organizations, by supporting programs that will improve the lives of those served."

As our Lions year comes to a close and a new one begins, everyone associated with the Brandel - Murphy Youth Foundation would like to take this moment to thank all of the "Everyday Heroes" who provide countless "Miracles Through Service" to children in need throughout Multiple District 20.

The year which began like any other finished like none before it. New York City became the global epicenter of the Covid-19 pandemic and even though the more rural areas of the state did not experience the same extreme health crisis, many people there still lost their jobs, schools closed, businesses were shut down, and children and families became desperate for food, shelter, and help of any kind.

Yet, through it all, we as Lions remained on the front lines, helping wherever we could. Even if our clubs could not physically meet we still joined in virtual networks of hope, planning ways in which we could help those in need.

That dedication is perfectly reflected in the following grants which were dispersed during the 2019-2020 year:

- \$58,000 matching Humanitarian Grants were awarded to 15 Lions Clubs that will help over 51,000 children through programs such as opiate awareness training, sports activities like baseball fields and swimming programs, community centers and so much more.

Even during the awful months of the statewide Covid-19 shutdown, the Foundation was still "open for business" approving nearly \$43,000 in additional Covid-19 related Emergency Grants including:



- Emergency Relief for Food provided to Districts W, Y, O, R1, R2, and S as well as the Massapequa, Bellmore, and Valley Stream Lions clubs.
- Local Business and Youth Food Support to the LaGrange Lions Club.
- Help for Families to the Queens Nepalese Lions Club.
- Relief STEM Project to District R2.
- Food Backpack Program to District E1.
- Virtual Camp for Children with Cancer to the LI Indo American Lions Club.

As your club, zone, or district plans for the coming Lions year, please remember that all of these grants could not happen without your support. With the additional emergency grants awarded in the past year and for the foreseeable future, the Brandel - Murphy Youth Foundation needs your help now more than ever.

Our many ongoing fund-raising opportunities include our annual Super Bowl Raffle, purchasing a beautiful BMYF shirt, honoring an "Everyday Hero" with an invitation to a very special fellowship, and so much more. Please visit our website during this much needed time to see how you can help the Foundation as we help Lions to care for children in need throughout MD20.

Once again, on behalf of PIP Al, Lion Dr. Maureen, and all of us at the Brandel - Murphy Youth Foundation, thank you for developing the programs which help children in need in your communities and reaching out to the Foundation so we can help you make these plans a reality. Together we can continue to make a difference.

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