



The Grand Island Lion

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Split Club Jackpot is \$38



The first Lion to draw the ace of hearts wins the jackpot. The September 24th jackpot was \$32. Only Lions present are eligible to be selected.

Lion Al Ackerman drew the queen of spades at our October 19th meeting.



WE SERVE

Upcoming events:

Wednesday November 12th
Lions General Meeting
McMahon's Restaurant
1849 Grand Island BLVD
Cocktails 6:30PM Dinner 7PM
Program: Curt Nestark
Grand Island Historical Society

BOD to follow

Wednesday November 26th
No meeting
Thanksgiving Holiday



Dear Fellow Lions,

It is hard to believe that November is upon us! This past month we had a fun meeting with our sister Merritton club and an informative meeting with Town Supervisor Mary Cooke. We are experiencing many changes this year. First: Byblos will no longer be serving dinner from the months of November through April. Therefore our meeting on November 12th will be held at **McMahon's restaurant** featuring our guest speaker Curt Nestark, president of the Grand Island Historic Society. We will have the whole place to ourselves, Lion Dick negotiating our dinner price. The overall price will be less than at Byblos. Second: Our annual Christmas party will be at the Buffalo Launch Club, dinner price will be \$20/person, other details to follow. Lion Dick has spoken to Sean Kelly and he has informed us that this year proceeds from their Christmas tree sale will support 2 other worthy causes. As we have budgeted \$1500 from past sales we need to raise additional funds. Please support our club by purchasing the \$5 BobTon community days booklets. The booklet has many coupons and a \$10 coupon good for just about anything in the store. Our club gets the proceeds and it is an easy way raise money. We will also be hosting "Grand Islands Largest Indoor Garage Sale" on a date to be determined. Everyone put aside any items that they would be willing to donate. We may solicit fellow Islanders who may be willing to unload their treasures and hopefully we can raise the funds to balance the budget. I have organized these events for our church youth groups and we have done extremely well. This month "Wayback Wednesday" will feature 2 of our dynamic lady lions! Hope to see everyone at McMahon's as we work together our community, our region and worldwide efforts.



Sincerely,
LP Donna



The Grand Island Lions Club held a Joint Dinner meeting with their Sister Club of Merriton Ontario on Wednesday October 8th at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Whitehaven Road. Guest Speakers at the event were Past District Governor Bob Shively and Island resident Paul Peters, both of the Town of Niagara Lions Club. Shively and Peters demonstrated a new Digital Photo-screening Camera that can accurately detect eye disease in preschool children providing opportunity to detect and treat eye disease before permanent damage is done.



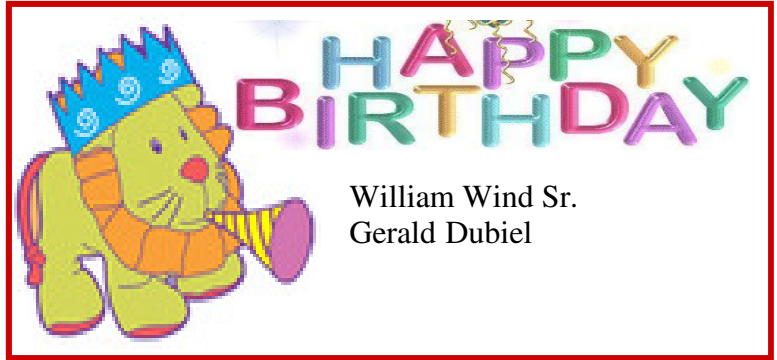
Town of Grand Island Supervisor, Mary Cooke was the guest speaker at our October 22nd meeting at the Buffalo Launch Club. Cooke complimented our club for its community involvement and gave the club a "State of the Island" report including construction projects, roadwork and the town's excellent fiscal status. Shown above is Lion President Donna Lavallee (right) giving Cooke a token of appreciation for visiting our club.

Letter to the Editor:

Dear Lions,
 Food prices are an issue all the way around. Television producers are in business to make money. They have recently been spending their money on coupon shows depicting coupon clippers saving big money. Regardless of the Great Recession of 2008, money matters! If 40 people spent \$20 per meal twice a month over 7 months they would realize a spending power of \$11,200.00! This is an interesting amount of money to spend on what averages out to be 14 dinners. Sincere and well-earned congratulations are paid to the perfect attendance members. Three hundred dollars is a rather sizable donation. In fact, this generosity is lost for every member that doesn't attend meetings. There are many reasons we are not part of the \$11,200.00 and if the math is correct we should be wondering if this spending power is misplaced.

Lion VP Mike Steinagel

From the Editor: Editorials do not necessarily represent the Grand Island Lions Club. This publication welcomes letters to the editor and any responses.



William Wind Sr.
 Gerald Dubiel

From Lion Tom Witkowski

Membership Recruitment:

DG Mike suggests we approach a new Lion candidate by saying: "I'm from the Grand Island Lions Club. My name is (your name), and I would like you to be a member of the Grand Island Lions Club. What do you know about Lions?" The person will say something about your eyeglass collections, or a sign at Miracle League Field, or know someone who was a Lion, or maybe their grandfather was a Lion; he may even know nothing about Lions. What you tell the person next is this: "We are a community based group looking to make the places we live and work in a better place. Would you like to be part of something like that?" Then invite him or her to a meeting. It may not always work but asking someone you know just might.



The Grand Island Lions Club recently donated durable medical equipment to the Tuscarora Nation Health Center. Pictured is Lion Henry Lobl with a truckload of walkers, wheelchairs, canes, shower seats and commodes.

Thanks to Lions Mike Steinagel, Donna Lavalley, Tom Witkowski, Glenn Connell and Annette Boies-Lobl for contributions to this newsletter. The deadline for the December Newsletter is Friday November 28th If you have material for the newsletter, you can e-mail it to Lion Dave Chervinsky, the editor/publisher, at: grandislandliodave@gmail.com.

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