



# The Grand Island Lion

## November 2017

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### Upcoming Events:

#### Wednesday November 8th

Lions General Meeting  
Cocktails 6:30 Dinner 7PM  
Location Radisson Inn  
Program: SWOT Analysis  
Diabetes Lecture

#### Wednesday December 13th

Lions Christmas Party  
Cocktails 6:00 Dinner 7PM  
Program: District Gov. Visit

#### Wednesday January 24th

Lions General Meeting  
Location Elderwood (tentative)  
Program TBA

#### Wednesday February 28th

Lions Valentines Party  
Location Mallwitz's Lanes

#### Wednesday March 14th

Lions General Meeting  
Location BLC

#### Wednesday April 11th

Location Town Café (tentative)  
Program TBA

#### Wednesday April 25th

GI/Merritton Joint Meeting  
Merritton Community Centre  
Cocktails 6PM Dinner 6:30PM

#### Wednesday May 9th

Location Radisson Inn

#### Wednesday May 25th

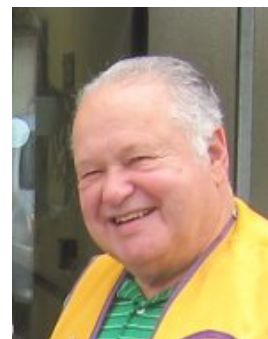
Location BLC

#### Wednesday June 13th

Installation Dinner  
Location BLC

Dear Members,

Five months into my presidency, I can say it has been a pleasant experience due to the hard working membership. This past week, the Candidates Night was very successful with over 150 people coming out to hear the candidates running for Town Justice, Town Council and Highway Superintendent. New candidates had the opportunity to tell voters about themselves and their positions. All candidates were cordial and informative in answering questions given by the audience. Mike Rayhill did a competent job as Moderator. Anne Fahning's efforts to bring the evening to fruition is greatly appreciated. Thanks to the Lions and Bob Fahning for handling tasks for the evening. The previous week we had our joint meeting with Merritton at the Moose Club with the meal catered by McMahon's. Good food and a good time was had by all. Dick Crawford's efforts made it come together. November we give thanks for all our blessings and the opportunity as Lions to help others in need, Tom Witkowski is spearheading a project to collect school supplies for a group of Children from Puerto Rico who will be attending Buffalo Public Schools. Donations can be brought to the November 08 meeting. Tom Rusert continues to collect non-perishable food items for the Neighbor's Foundation. Also, at the November meeting, we will hear a short talk on Diabetes. This is in keeping with Lions Diabetes Awareness Day on November 14. I am looking forward to seeing you at the November meeting.



LP Henry



### Split Club Jackpot is \$223.00

The Lion who draws the ace of hearts at our general meeting, will win the pot.



On October 11th we had our meeting with the Merriton Lions at the Moose Club on Grand Island. A total of 27 Lions attended including 12 from our sister club. All had a good time until the President's gavel was borrowed by some unknown perpetrator and had to be bought back to avoid it from being smuggled into Canada. LP Henry

\* photos courtesy Lions Glenn Connell and Dave Chervinsky

## PLEASE HELP FILL THE BACKPACKS



## FOR THE HURRICANES' YOUNGEST SURVIVORS

We are currently collecting school and personal items for kids who continue to arrive in the Buffalo area from the catastrophic devastation caused by the recent hurricanes in Texas, Florida, and Puerto Rico. The children are being temporarily housed with relatives while their homes and lands rebuild. Most of the children are arriving from Puerto Rico where their entire island remains in so much need. Some of these kids have come here with nothing much more than the clothes they left with. Faced with the potential of accommodating over 300 kids in the Buffalo area, Teacher's Desk is in need of school and personal items to stem the trauma the children continue to face.

Teacher's Desk, fueled by a donation from Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority, is a store where teachers shop free obtaining free school supplies for students in need. Let's give a hand up to these youngsters by providing backpacks, pencils, pens, erasers, folders, notebooks, age-appropriate reading books, references such as pocket dictionaries and thesauruses, hats, gloves, sunscreen, lip balm, tissues, bandages, and feminine hygiene products for the girls. Tax-deductible monetary donations to Teacher's Pet are also being accepted.

Please bring your items to our next meeting on November 8 where a representative of Teacher's Pet will accept them.

**Members should continue to bring nonperishable food items to our meetings for benefit of the Neighbors Foundation Food Bank, and used cell phones can be re-purposed by the Erie County Sheriff's domestic violence unit.**

**Also Bottle Junction credits our club 6 cents on every deposit can or bottle returned. The advantage of this donation is you do not have to wait. Just tell them to donate the proceeds to the Lions. Our last return from this was \$94.02. Thank you to all who participated.**

**Lion Tom Rusert**

## HOLD THE DATE For our 2<sup>nd</sup> Cabinet Meeting/Conference



**When: Saturday November 4, 2017**

Registration 9-10 AM

Meeting/Conference 10 AM – 12 Noon

Buffet Lunch 12 Noon (Details to follow)

**Where:** Grapevine Banquet Center  
333 Dick Road  
Depew, New York 14043



**Featured Speaker**  
Current International Director  
**Lion N. Alan Lundgren**  
Member Gilbert Lions Club  
Scottsdale, Arizona



Director Lundgren is known as a "fun loving, dedicated, well informed Lion" to whom "you can warm up right away."



**Also speaking**  
**Mary Travers Murphy**  
Executive Director  
Family Justice Center



Learn about the agency DG Sharon is highlighting this year.

All Lions are cordially invited to attend the November 4, 2017 cabinet meeting/district convention featuring International Director L. Alan Lundgren who hails from the Gilbert Lions Club in Scottsdale, Arizona. International directors are the dedicated Lions who are elected by all of us to steer our great organization to do even greater service. These are the go-to people who listen and consider your thoughts and suggestions about Lions. I am sure he would love to meet you at the meeting.

Also speaking is Mary Travers Murphy who is the Executive Director of the Family Justice Center. DG Sharon Battaglia availed herself of the center's services for abused spouses when her own life took a dark and dangerous road when she fled from her first marriage. DG Sharon can't praise enough the center's services.

The convention also features various vendors and Lions-supported charities that are always happy to answer your questions and inform you of the good works they do. Plus you meet our district leaders and a pride of Lions who enjoy sharing knowledge and experiences. Although there will be lunch, it is optional with details will be forthcoming soon. So mark in the date on your calendars and make a point of attending the district convention on November 4th.

Lion Tom Witkowski  
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**Fourth Prize & Fifth Prize: \$500.00**

**Sixth thru Eleventh Prizes: \$250.00**

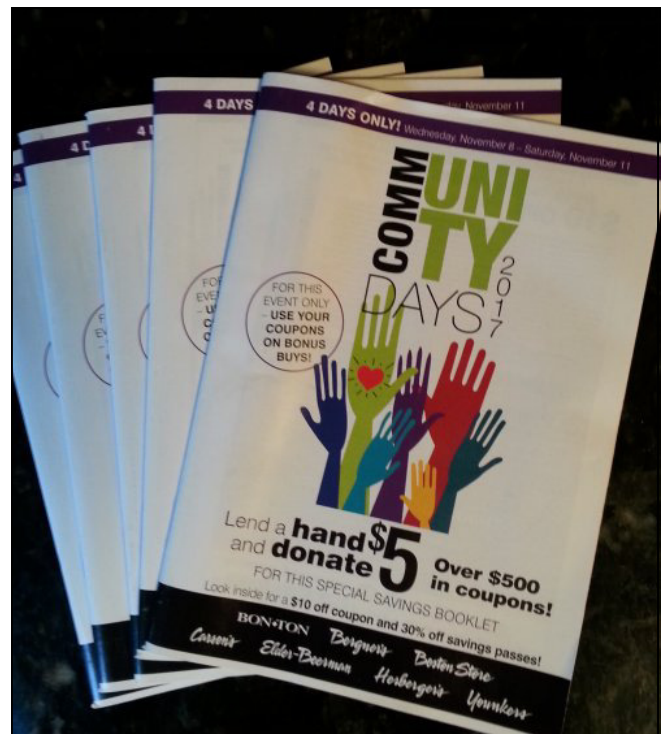
**COST: ONLY \$20.00 PER TICKET**

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Go our website for further info at [www.brandelmurphyfoundation.org](http://www.brandelmurphyfoundation.org)

**All proceeds to benefit Brandel-Murphy Youth Foundation**

Make checks payable to: Brandel-Murphy Youth Foundation, PO Box 913, RVC, NY 11571

We are a 501c3 organization. Contributions are deductible to the extent allowed by law.



Bon Ton Community days will be Nov 8 -11. Books are \$5.00 and if Lions need books, please contact me at 491-8510. I will be happy to drop them off at their house! I will be sending out an email with the dates and times we are assigned to sell at the Summit Park Bon-Ton. Hope you will consider taking a time slot.

Thanks  
Lion Kelly McGarvey

Thanks to Lions Tom Witkowski, Henry Lobl, Annette Boies-Lobl, Tom Rusert and Kelly McGarvey for contributions to this newsletter. The deadline for the December Newsletter is Saturday November 25th. If you have material for the newsletter, you can e-mail it to Lion Dave Chervinsky, the editor/publisher, at:

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**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY**



Jerry Dubiel