



# The Grand Island Lion

## December 2016

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### Split Club Jackpot is \$161.00

Lion Dave drew the nine of clubs at our last meeting. The Lion who draws the ace of hearts will win the pot.

Lions,  
I wish you and your family a Merry Christmas. As a club we are blessed by family, friends and those we serve with to help those in need. Our community is fortunate to have and support many organizations that provide need during the holidays. Notably, our annual Lion's Christmas party that supports our Grand Island Neighbor's Foundation.



From my home to yours, Marla and I wish you a safe and healthy holiday season..

Lion President Dick

### Upcoming Events:



Wednesday December 14th

**Lions Christmas Party**

Buffalo Launch Club

Cocktails 6:00PM Dinner 7PM

Lions, It's "Snowbird Season" and volunteers are needed to deliver Meals on Wheels on the first and third Fridays while some members are away. If you can step up please contact Lion Paul Krupa or Annette Lobl.



WE SERVE

Lions Pins needed- If anyone want to donate their pins and save the club some money we are in need of these pins:

Past President, Directors and Secretary.

Any Lion pins can be turned in and I will add to the pins we have in our inventory already.

Lion Secretary Kelly

November 14th was celebrated at Lions International World Diabetes Awareness Day. In honor of it, the Peace Bridge Commission lit up the bridge in blue at our request.

Lion Tom W.



# GRAND ISLAND LIONS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Hosted by Lion Fred and Tammy Ruocco

DECEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup>

COCKTAILS 6PM

DINNER 7PM



## BUFFALO LAUNCH CLUB

**THEME:**  
**YOU ARE ASKED TO DRESS**  
**IN GREEN OR RED**



Buffalo has become home to 14, 000 refugees arriving from countries including Syria, Burma, Ethiopia, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Liberia, Yemen among others. The refugees are authorized to work in the United States, have received security clearance by the FBI and State Department and are medically screened by healthcare professionals before arriving in the United States and again upon arrival to Buffalo. Unfortunately, these individuals leave their country with little to no belongings and are relocated to a city or country vastly different from their own.

The International Institute of Buffalo helps with the resettlement of refugees as they arrive in Buffalo teaching them English and providing basic household items. As the Lions Club motto indicates, the members are dedicated to bettering the quality of life for the handicapped, the poor, the sick and the aged. The motto of Lions Clubs International is "WE SERVE". Let's serve to meet the needs of Buffalo's newest residents by donating needed items at this year's Christmas Party. -Lion Fred

### Items Needed:

Mugs, glasses, plates (gently used)	Toilet paper
Diapers	Laundry detergent
Cooking Utensils	Deodorant
Pots/pans	Shampoo
Gift cards to Grocery	Bar soap
Stores	Disposable razors
Dish soap	Sanitary napkins
Broom, dustpan	Towels and wash cloths
Trash bags	Plastic shower liner and rings
Sponges	Waste baskets
Toothpaste	School supplies

**Lions,**  
Please bring to our Christmas party donations supporting the GI Neighbors Foundation: They need non-perishable food items, Top's gift cards or \$\$\$.

**Thanks,**  
**IPP Lion Tom Rusert**



**Join Us!**

One Island, One Team meets monthly from September to June, at the Grand Island Central School District Professional Development Room at 1100 Ransom Road. Also, there are numerous opportunities to join us at special events or evening meetings throughout the year, and subcommittees that meet at other days and times. We encourage you to find a way to help us make a difference! Find out more information on the school district's and Town's websites, and on Facebook.



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**ONE ISLAND,  
ONE TEAM**



**Our Vision:  
A Grand Island  
community that reduces  
underage substance  
abuse.**

**A Community Coalition**

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**Our Vision:**

One Island, One Team ...

- A community coalition reducing underage substance abuse on Grand Island.
- It focuses on both underage individuals and on their families.
- It is composed of representatives from multiple community sectors.
- The coalition engages in primary prevention.
- Intervention strategies are implemented by appropriate outside agencies.



**Our Mission:**

**To assess,  
To analyze,  
To act.**



Acceptable Means to Achieve Our Mission:

- A. Conduct primary and secondary assessments
- B. Engage in analysis of findings
- C. Provide education
- D. Advocate action and engage community sectors
- E. Enter into contractual agreements

Our team formed in 2006, when our then newly-appointed High School Principal, Sandra Anzalone, surveyed parents, asking them what they thought the needs of the school were. The answer that came back loud and clear was, "You have a drug problem in the school, and nothing is being done about it". Members of our community came together to address this issue; our Coalition includes members of the Town Board, law enforcement, the Ministerium, health care providers, PTA, Erie County Council for Prevention of Substance Abuse, Prevention Resources Network, Horizon Health Services, school staff and administrators, parents and students, and is open to all who are interested.

Corina Labin Director of One Island-One Team a community coalition task group whose goal is to reduce underage substance abuse was the guest speaker at our Lions Club November 9th meeting Corina reviewed the history of the coalition that had been established approximately 10 years ago. The coalition wants to promote education to GI families and kids to help them make better choices. The coalition is entirely run by volunteers, there is no working budget save the occasional mini grant. The coalition is active in community events to develop community awareness. Contact Corina if you would like to help or attend meetings, which are the 3rd Thursday of the month in the Professional Development Room in the High School. Email; [clabin@oiot.gmail.com](mailto:clabin@oiot.gmail.com)



**Pictures from our 60th Anniversary Party courtesy of Lion Tom Witkowski.**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Robert Goulding  
Robert Christmann  
Norman Hahn

Thanks to Lions Tom Rusert, Dick Crawford, Kelly McGarvey, Donna Lavalley and Tom Witkowski for contributions to this newsletter. The deadline for the January Newsletter is Tuesday December 27th. If you have material for the newsletter, you can e-mail it to Lion Dave Chervinsky, the editor/publisher, at: [grandislandliodave@gmail.com](mailto:grandislandliodave@gmail.com).

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**SPECIAL SIX TICKETS \$100!**

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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.

I have raffle tickets for the Super Bowl 51 package raffle benefiting the Brandel-Murphy Youth Foundation. There are also ten cash prizes ranging from \$250 to \$2,000 ready for you to win. We have been successful in obtaining \$4,000 in matching funds for the Miracle League Playground and for our own Special Kids' Picnic. Contact me to purchase your tickets.  
– **Lion Tom Witowski**  
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