



# The Grand Island Lion February 2015

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Happy Groundhog Day!



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## Upcoming events:

### Wednesday February 25th

GI Lions General Meeting  
Buffalo Launch Club  
Program: TBA  
Cocktails 6:30PM Dinner 7PM

## BOD meeting to follow

## Sunshine



We wish Lion Paul Krupa a speedy recovery after recent hand surgery and to Lion Bill Wind who is back home recovering from his recent hospital stay.

I would like to thank all the Lions who were able to come to the January meeting and listen to Regina Weise's Friends Feeding Friends program. She is a truly remarkable woman who cooks food every Saturday for approximately 50 people, boxes it up and drives into the city of Buffalo opens her trunk and feeds whoever may come by. She has been doing this faithfully for 1 year and has many who seek her out every week. I have been in touch with Town of Niagara Lion Paul Peters and he will assist us in the SEE (Screening Eyes Early) project at the Grand Island Cooperative Nursery School in February. We hope to go to other pre schools to offer the same program. Since 2008 the Lions SEE program in NYS has screened approximately 72,000 children with a 10% positive rate. There are around 900 children on Grand Island that are under the age of 5, this means that there are about 90 children that could be detected with a vision problem. The SEE program is currently functioning in the red. Our club has responded to the appeal with a \$500 donation to help maintain the program. I hope that other clubs in our district follow accordingly. Our next meeting will be on February 25, first VP Lion Tom Rusert will preside over the meeting as I will be out of town. I hope to have Joe Chudoba from the Erie County Sheriff's Office. He serves as a Domestic Violence Victim Advocate and also has an interesting project he is working on for veterans. Lion Tom Witkowski is looking into a possible fundraiser from Delta Sonic, we may have an email vote on this. I am so



Lion Donna asked me to run the meeting on Feb.25th so in her absence I would ask everyone who plans to attend to come prepared with a joke to share as there is no scheduled program/presenter. Off color and offensive themes are encouraged.

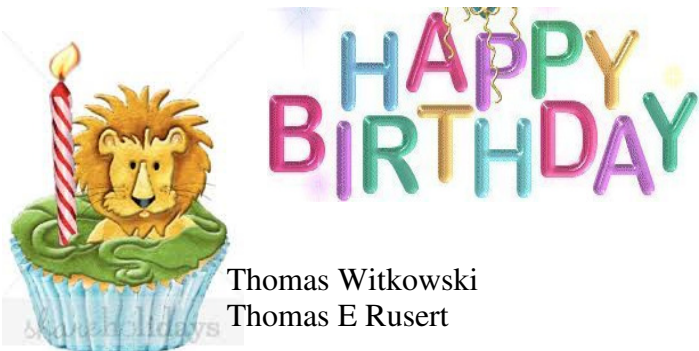


"While the cats away the mice will play".

Lion Tom Rusert



Regina Weise and Gwen Hamilton from Friends Feeding Friends were guests at the Grand Island Lions dinner meeting held on January 28th at the buffalo Launch Club. Regina described how they have been feeding people in need in the buffalo area for the past year and the need for volunteers to help their program. Pictured above, Lion President Donna Lavalée presents a check to Regina Weise from our Lions Club while Gwen Hamilton looks on.



Thomas Witkowski  
Thomas E Rusert

Thanks to Lions Donna Lavalée, Tom Witkowski, Tom Rusert and Annette Boies-Lobl for contributions to this newsletter. The deadline for the March Newsletter is Friday February 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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