



# The Grand Island Lion February 2018

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## Upcoming Events:

### Wednesday February 28th

Lions Valentines Party  
Location Mallwitz's Lanes

### Wednesday March 14th

Lions General Meeting  
Location BLC  
Speaker: Beverly Kinney  
Solar Energy on Grand Island

### Wednesday April 11th

Location Radisson Inn  
Program: Anne Fahning  
Assessment Review

### Wednesday April 25th

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

### Wednesday May 9th

Location Radisson Inn

### Wednesday May 23rd

Location BLC

### Wednesday June 13th

Installation Dinner  
Location BLC

**Greetings fellow Lions.** Many of you may not be aware that my trip to Florida has been suspended due to Lion Annette being diagnosed with Discitis and undergoing 6 weeks of IV antibiotic therapy at home. The month of January has been interesting to say the least. We had a very good meeting hosted by Lion Tom DiJohn at Elderwood of Grand Island. Thank you for bring such a good host.



The program acquainted us with the veterans therapy dog program known as "Dog Tags New York". Two veterans with their dogs spoke about how the program trains veterans who may have reentry problems to civilian life to train adopted dogs to be therapy dogs.

Of note is our roller coaster ride with e-bay. Due to Lion Tom Witkowski's diligence and perseverance it has come to a successful conclusion. We have some interesting programs coming up. I hope the level of interest shown at the January meeting persists over the coming months.

## Sunshine:



Our thoughts and prayers go out to Lion Annette as she continues to recover from her recent back problems.



## Split Club Jackpot is \$238.00

The Lion who draws the ace of hearts at our general meeting, will win the pot. Lion Tom Natale did not draw the ace of hearts at our last meeting.



Lion Tom DiJohn hosted our January 24th meeting at Elderwood of Grand Island. The program acquainted us with the veterans therapy dog program known as "Dog Tags New York". Two veterans with their dogs spoke about how the program trains veterans who may have re-entry problems to civilian life to train adopted dogs to be therapy dogs.

.Once again "Kids Day", The Buffalo News special sale date, is the morning after our Spaghetti Dinner.

This year it is Tuesday, April 24th. We only need about 6 volunteers. That way we can stagger the shifts to 1.5 hours each in case the weather is not good.

Please consider helping this year. It is such a worthwhile cause. You can either work from 6-7:30 or 7:30 -9.

If someone can help me load papers at 5:30 at the Knights of Columbus, I would appreciate it.

Contact me at 440-0841 if you can help.  
Than You. Lion Anne

In March we will begin working on the Basket Raffle for the Spaghetti Dinner.

It has become an important part of our event. Raising over !,000 each year. It is important to have a nice variety of baskets, so anything you can donate will help! If you know a business owner, consider asking them for something to donate. No need to contribute an entire basket. I will put together items to complete a basket.


If you are willing to make a few calls to local businesses contact me at 440-0841.

Many hands make light work!

Lion Anne



24th Annual  
**Dr. Andy's Day**  
 for Kids



To Benefit the  
**Neonatal Intensive Care Unit**  
 at Sisters of Charity Hospital

Catholic Health  
 Sisters Hospital Foundation  
*Lend a hand for our tiniest feet*

**Sunday, February 25**  
**Noon - 6:00 p.m.**  
**NEW LOCATION!**



*In loving memory of Dr. Andy Gage,  
 Founder*



**8444 Transit Road, Williamsville, NY**

Grab your friends and family and come out to support a very worthwhile cause! Area physician's will be "guest bartenders" throughout the day, donating their time and tips. Unique baskets, one of-kind merchandise and gift certificates will also be raffled.

A portion of food and beverage sales will help fund the purchase of neonatal medical equipment for the care for premature infants and babies with special needs.

**Sisters Hospital NEW NICU will be opening in Spring 2018.**



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 partici-

Thanks to Lions Tom Witkowski, Anne Fahning, Henry Lobl, Shelia Ferrentino, Brooks Rimes and Tom Rusert for contributions to this newsletter. The deadline for the March Newsletter is Wednesday February 28th. 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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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Thomas Witkowski  
 Thomas E Rusert  
 James D. Rose