



The Grand Island Lion

May 2016

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Split Club Jackpot is \$124.00



Lion Henry drew the eight of hearts at our last meeting. The Lion who draws the ace of hearts will win the pot.

Upcoming Events:



WE SERVE

Wednesday May 11th General Meeting

Location Byblos Niagara
Cocktails 6:30 Dinner 7PM
Program: PDG Mike Lawkowski
Kids Sight USA (See page 3)

Tuesday May 17th

Booster Night
Dick and Jenny's Restaurant
5-10PM (See p 3)

Wednesday May 25th

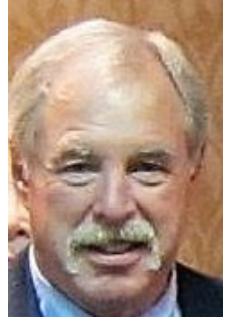
General and BOD Meeting
Cocktails 6:30 Dinner 7PM
Program: Peace Poster Awards

Sunshine:

Thoughts and prayers for Judy Bassette as she recovers from pneumonia.

Hello Lions,

Thanks to all of the devoted members that contributed to the success of our annual "Spaghetti Dinner". Without the hard work and dedication from our Lions the Special Kid's Picnic would not be possible. Lion Tom W. has researched and obtained a grant to help with the cost of the picnic. I'm sure he will share the details at our next meeting.



Congratulations to our newly elected officers for the upcoming Lions year. This Lions season is winding down so please attend our May and June meetings. Lion Paul B. will host the Peace Poster winners at the May 25th meeting (Buffalo Launch Club) so please be there.

We had a nice turnout for the April 27th meeting with the Merriton Lions and as always were treated to a fun evening.

LP Tom



Yes ... They are still in love after all these years. ?? . Peg was our guest speaker. She spoke to us about Yoga, how anyone can do yoga or a modified version of Yoga. She talked about how it would help your mind and body. It will give you more confidence.

Lions,

The following slate of Officers recommended by the nominating committee was presented at the April 13th general meeting and approved unanimously by members in attendance. There were no nominations from the floor. Since the meeting Mike Steinagel nominated Mike Steinagal for President. A second, via email, has been received and an election will be conducted. Via email.

President: Lion Dick Crawford

1st Vice President: Lion Henry Lobl

2nd Vice President Lion Shelia Ferrentino

Treasurer: Lion Tom Witkowski

Corresponding Secretary: Lion Kelly McGarvey

Recording Secretary: Lion Donna Lavallee

Lion Tamer/Tail Twister: Lion Fred Ruocco

1 Year Director: Lion Paul Krupa

1 Year Director: Lion Brooks Rimes

2 Year Director: Lion Anne Fahning

2 Year Director: Lion Bob Goulding

Election Final results: 16 votes for Dick Crawford, 1 vote for Mike Steinagel, 17 votes in favor for the remaining slate for officers and directors.

Respectfully Submitted

Annette Lobl, Corresponding Secretary.

Dear Grand Island Lions,

I am pleased to advise you that your grant application to the Brandel-Murphy Youth Foundation has been approved by our grants committee. A check in the amount of **\$2000.00** will be presented by BMYF Officer **PDG Jim Muscoreil** at a suitable event in your district.

We believe that your project is well thought out and meets our requirements. As with all grants we would appreciate you sending us periodic reports, along with pictures for our records, which will also be put on our website. We would also like you to mention our foundation in your literature and or plaques. Our mission is "to provide assistance to children in need...supporting programs that will improve the lives of those served." Please include those thoughts in your reports to us.

We wish you all the best in finalizing this project and want you to know that the Brandel-Murphy Youth Foundation will be here for the future needs of your club and District. Please check our website to keep up to date on what is happening in the Foundation.

Yours in Lionism,

PCC John Wargo

Grants Coordinator

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News from the Vision Beyond Sight Foundation

Lions, as a board member of the Vision Beyond Sight Foundation (VBSF), I bring to our club and our community very exciting news. Several years ago, the Foundation opened a Humanitarian Account with a portion of funds from the Operating Account that has already provided \$450,000 toward equipment and technology updates in the Lions Diagnostic Eye Center (LDEC) at the Ira G. Ross Eye Institute (better known as "the Ross") in Buffalo. Recently, through a generous donation from the Fredric Buch family, the Humanitarian Account has grown to over \$54,000. The Buch family set up a memorial trust in memory of their son Peter Buch who was Director of Ophthalmic Imaging at the LDEC up until his sudden passing.

The VBSF board has agreed to work with the Ross staff in determining the needs of pediatric patients whose financially challenged families have insufficient health care coverage with high deductibles that are preventing them from getting the proper care for their children's precious sight. They will be using a modified version of our Financial Needs Assessment form in order to qualify the families. The VBSF Humanitarian Account will be used to pay at least in part the deductibles. To insure that the account remains viable in the coming years, the funds have been placed in a secure investment vehicle that will grow along with contributions and fundraisers.

If you learn of a potential need, and not only limited to eyesight, please contact me as soon as possible as time is the worst enemy affecting eyesight.

In a separate matter, the Foundation also reports an opportunity for a Lion to serve on the board. We meet six times a year. The duties of a board member are to ensure continuity of our service to the needs of the Eye Center only and for the medical services to those most in need. You do not need prior experience, just a desire to help those who look to us for help. And of course you are not committed after your first meeting, but I am sure you will be impressed. We have a vested interest in the LDEC as over 230 Grand Islanders use the services at the Ross. If you are interested, please contact me at your earliest convenience.

Yours in service,

Lion Tom Witkowski

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PS: Make that over 231 Islanders as I am now a client also.





Save the date!

May 17th will be an easy fundraiser for the Grand Island Lions. Come to Dick and Jenny's for dinner and 20% of your food bill will go to the Grand Island Lions. You must mention the Lions and preferably print and present the coupon above. Tell your friends and neighbors. We will have extra coupons at the restaurant.

Lion Kelly

Our Grand Island Lions raised \$642 for Woman's and Children's Hospital on Kids Day. Thank you to all who contributed and thanks to Lions Anne Fahning, Shelia Ferrentino, Tom Witkowski. and Kelly McGarvey for selling papers for on a cold wet morning.

Help Needed:
 Our Lions loan closet is in need of walkers and wheelchairs. Anyone that is able to donate these items can drop them off at the recreation center in the Nike Base or contact Lions Dick Crawford 818-6992, Dave Chervinsky 773-7185 or Fred Ruocco 773-5937.
 LP Tom Rusert



PDG Mike Lawkowski will be presenting at our May 11 dinner meeting. He will discuss the Lions Kidsight USA initiative for the Buffalo Public

School system and how we may promote it in our community. Kidsight has partnered with Lions SEE (Saving Eyes Early).



Lions,

If you have access to eye-glasses from club eyeglass drop-off boxes or if you have glasses to donate please bring them to the next meeting.

Thank you, Lion Bob Goulding

DISTRICT 20 N LIONS ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

Wednesday, August 17, 2016

8:00 - 9:30 AM Registration w/ Coffee & Donuts 10:00 AM Shotgun Start.

Holland Hills Country Club, 10438 Holland- Glenwood Road.

\$ 85.00 Per Person includes, 18 Holes of Fabulous Golf.

Hot Dog & Beverage at the Turn. One Hour Open Bar Before Dinner. Chicken & Rib Dinner. Plus Prizes

Not a Golfer ? Come and Enjoy the Dinner & Prizes. Only \$35.00 Per Person.

CLUBS PLEASE HELP BY SPONSORING A HOLE FOR \$50.00.

ALSO IF YOU CAN HELP BY GETTING DOOR PRIZES FOR THE RAFFLE .

PDGs WE NEED YOUR HELP ALSO.

Name of Non Golfer----- Name of HOLE Sponsor-----

Please mail information and fee by August 4th to: PDG Paul D Barnas, 15 Glencove Ct, Orchard Park NY 14127.

BAKE SALE:

THANKS TO ALL LIONS WHO BROUGHT BAKED GOODS FOR THE SALE AT THE SPAGHETTI DINNER. SPECIAL THANKS GOES TO FRIENDS OF THE LIONS MARY AND JANE COOK, PAT HURLD AND LOUISE MCGRATH. WE MADE \$217.

We had a special helper at the sale Sidney, Lion Tom De Carlo's granddaughter.

Lion Annette

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Thomas Butler
Fred Ruocco

Thanks to Lions Tom Rusert, Bob Goulding, Tom Witkowski, Annette Boies-Lobl, Kelly McGarvey and Anne Fahning for contributions to this newsletter. The deadline for the June Newsletter is Saturday May 28th. If you have material for the newsletter, you can e-mail it to Lion Dave Chervinsky, the editor/publisher, at: grandislandiodave@gmail.com.

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Dear Lions Club,
Please accept this donation in honor of Diane Debiel. She was the aunt to my dear friend, Bernie Prabucki, and I had the pleasure of seeing Aunt Diane & Uncle Jerry on their many trips through NE on their way between NY & FL. She was such a joy to have known.

Yours truly,
Colleen Lange