



# The Grand Island Lion

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## Split Club Jackpot is \$196.00

Lion President Anne drew the six of hearts at our last meeting. The Lion who draws the ace of hearts will win the pot.

Dear Lions,

It's been both a privilege and a honor to serve as the 60th President during the 100th year of Lions International. Our motto "We Serve" is clearly evident by the success we have year after year at the Spaghetti Dinner, Peace Poster contest, White Cane sale, Bon Ton and Special Kids Picnic.



Remember to mark your calendar for Wednesday July 19th for the Special Kids Picnic at the Buffalo Launch Club and the White Cane sale for August 18 & 19.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our installation of new officers at the Launch club on Wednesday June 14th.

## Upcoming Events:



**WE SERVE**

June 14 Buffalo Launch Club Installation Dinner.

Saturday June 17th.  
Grand Island Lions Annual Garage Sale  
West River Pkwy at the Lawn Mower Race.

July 19<sup>th</sup> Special Kids Picnic – Buffalo Launch Club

The winners of this years Grand Island Lions Peace Poster Contest; Berin Celik (1st place) and Darrin Grezesiak (2nd place), were honored at our May 24th meeting. Pictured with Lion Paul Bassette, our Peace Poster Chairman, is Berin Celik with her winning poster.





Left to Right: Lion Dick Crawford, President; Noni Carroll, San Juan Island Lion Jim Carroll; Lion Tom Witkowski, Treasurer.

Recently, former Grand Island resident Jim Carroll was in town from San Juan Island, Washington, visiting his mother Noni. He brought hearing aids from his Lions Club in San Juan to be donated for re-use. Although his club collects used eyeglasses there isn't a hearing aid re-use collection program.

Grand Island Lions Club President Dick Crawford and Treasurer Tom Witkowski would like to remind community residents that the Lions have collection points at the Town Hall, Golden Age Center, Grand Island Optical, Elderwood, Dr. Fred Ruocco's practice, and the MOG (Medical Oriented Gym) for eyeglasses and hearing aids. The club also accepts durable medical goods such as, but not limited to, wheelchairs, walkers, canes and commodes.

## Vision Screening Update

To date, 668 children, 6 months to second grade age, have been vision screened in our community at Kaegebein, Sidway, Huth Road Elementary, Kiddo's Korner, St. Timothy's, and Island Kids. Nearly 10.5% of the kids, 70 in all, have vision anomalies that require attention either through eyewear and/or medical intervention.

I will be contacting Care-A-Lot, St. Stephen's, and Trinity's St. Cooperative Nursery School to get them onboard with this free and very valuable project.

Our club board of directors has given approval to research GoFundMe (or other fundraising sites) to solicit funds under the auspices of our district first, then our club as Plan B. If you or your employer, circle of friends, family, whatever, would like to donate, we'd be all too happy to accept your and their generosity. The district's goal is to get three more screeners at a cost of \$7,000 each. It will apply for a \$10,500 matching International grant, which means we need to raise a like amount. We (as a district) are \$4300 shy of that goal. Donations can be made out to "District 20N Lions" ensuring "Vision Screener Designated Fund" is entered on the check's memo line. Donations can be sent to Cabinet Treasurer PDG Jim Luckman, 2761 Caledonia Street, Newfane, NY 14108.

In our Multiple, composed of 12 districts, over 35,000 kids have been screened with 5,000 being referred. Our district has screened 40% (nearly 14,000) of this number with an average referral rate of 12% not counting Buffalo, which stands at 20% being referred. These numbers underscore the value of early childhood screening. More good news: the International is collaborating with VSP ([www.vsp.com](http://www.vsp.com)) to provide eye exams and eyeglasses based upon income requirements. For more information, contact PDG Mike Lawkowski at 228-9386 or [michael-lawkowski@yahoo.com](mailto:michael-lawkowski@yahoo.com).

PDG Mike stated that with all this good news, we've become the victim of our own success. Simply, we need more screeners, whether they are Lions or not. This isn't a one-shot program. All our efforts need to be done annually, so any time you can give will be put to awesomely good use. In no time at all (really!), you will become expert at screening. So let me know and we can set up a workshop to get ya going!

Lion Tom W.

Seeking "LION" Volunteers

For

American Diabetes Association



Venue held at Old Falls Street, Niagara Falls, NY

Available need days & times:

Set up:

Friday, June 2, 2017 at 1:30 – 5:30 pm

Break down:

Saturday, June 3, 2017 at 2:00 – 5:30 pm

Please contact Lion Don Birdd, Diabetes Awareness Co-Chair if interested/available at [birdddl@yahoo.com](mailto:birdddl@yahoo.com); Lion Don & his wife Lion Laurene serve on the TdC Committee and are East Aurora Lions.

**DISTRICT 20 N LIONS ANNUAL GOLF OUTING**

Wednesday, August 16, 2017

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 July 24th to: PDG Paul D Barnas, 15 Glencove Ct, Orchard Park NY 14127. Please put your party of (4) on the back of this form and send money and form in to PDG Paul D Barnas Thank You.

**Upcoming Events**

Above are notices for the annual district golf outing and help to set up and tear down for the Tour de Cure. We are a proud hole sponsor for the golf event. Lion Tom W.

**Split Club**

Split Club is now at \$196. Lion Anne drew the six of hearts. Less than half the deck remains. "Well to tell you the truth in all this excitement I kinda lost track myself. But being this is a simple deck of cards, you've gotta ask yourself one question: "Do I feel lucky?" Well, do ya, Lion?" LOL

**District Sunshine Committee**

Lion Sheila Jones reminds us to ensure our club events get posted in the District's newsletter and online at [district20nlions.com](http://district20nlions.com). Her email is [shehar@msn.com](mailto:shehar@msn.com). Her home phone is 838-6444; cell is 984-2456. Any death notices, reported illnesses/recoveries, and other events such as births, marriages, special life events can be reported to her also. (If she isn't already, I would suggest that she be placed on our list of those to get our newsletter).

**Journey For Sight**

JFS has taken a hiatus over the past three years but will return this October 14<sup>th</sup> being held in our own back yard at Beaver Island State Park, starting at 10am. More details will be forthcoming.

Lion Tom W.



**Those who still owe membership dues need to get them in the mail to G.I. Lions Club, PO Box 71 by Thursday, JUNE 1st. Single is \$75 and a couple is \$131.**

**Thanks  
L. Kelly**

### **Certified Guiding Lion training being offered**

A CGL was originally meant to help new clubs going and older-and-in-need-of-help clubs get back on track. No longer. Simply by attending the course will get you up-to-speed on being a better Lion who can now be expert at helping our club in whatever capacity it needs. It will be held June 10, 12:30-4:30pm at Julia Boyer Reinstein Library, 1030 Losson Road in Cheektowaga. Let me know if you're interested or have any questions.

Lion Tom W.

**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY**



Kelly McGarvey  
Dave Chervinsky  
Richard Crawford

Thanks to Lions Dick Crawford, Tom Witkowski, Anne Fahning, Tom Rusert, Kelly McGarvey and Donna Lavallee for contributions to this newsletter. The deadline for the Summer Newsletter is Friday June 30th. 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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### **Points to ponder:**



I want to die peacefully in my sleep, like my grandfather. Not screaming and yelling like the passengers in his car.

You know that tingly little feeling you get when you like someone? That's your common sense leaving your body.

Did you know that dolphins are so smart that within a few weeks of captivity, they can train people to stand on the very edge of the pool and throw them fish.

If you think nobody cares whether you're alive, try missing a couple of payments.

My therapist said that my narcissism causes me to misread social situations. I'm pretty sure she was hitting on me.

The pharmacist asked me my birth date again today. I'm pretty sure she's going to get me something.

My 60 year kindergarten reunion is coming up soon and I'm worried about the 175 pounds I've gained since then.

The location of your mailbox shows you how far away from your house you can be in a robe before you start looking like a mental patient.

Money can't buy happiness, but it keeps the kids in touch.



### **Lions:**

**we are still collecting food items for the Neighbors Foundation and used cell phones for the Sheriffs program to help domestic violence victims. Also Bottle Junction is now giving \$.06 per item. No need to wait as they will count and credit to our Lions account if we so designate!**

**Lion Tom R**