



# The Grand Island Lion

## July-August 2015

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### Split Club Jackpot is \$78

Lion Fred drew the king of diamonds at our last meeting. The Lion that draws the Ace of hearts will win the pot.

### Upcoming events:



#### Saturday July 4th

Independence Day Parade.  
Lions will meet at 8:30 outside of McMahan's Restaurant. Dress code is black shirt and Khaki pants.



WE SERVE

#### Wednesday July 15th

Special Kids Picnic  
Buffalo Launch Club

#### Saturday July 18th

Lions Members Picnic Cruise  
Lion Anne and Bob's boat  
2186 East River Road  
11AM- 3PM

### Hello Lions,

It's hard to believe another Lion's year is upon us. Summer is here and of course that means the Special Kid's Picnic will be on July 15<sup>th</sup> followed by our couples picnic the following Saturday. Also the annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade is next week. Please try to attend these functions especially the Kid's Picnic. Setup will be on Tuesday afternoon July 14<sup>th</sup> at @2:30 PM. August 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> are White Cane Days and we need everyone to contribute some time as it is one of our major fundraisers.



Thanks to Donna for her outstanding service and leadership during her term as president. Let's have a fun and productive Lions year.

Lion President Tom

### Dear GI Lions,

I would like to thank each and every one of you for your support over the past year. We have a wonderful group of caring people. I have been honored to serve as your president for the past year. Let's continue to support Lion President Tom as he guides us through the next year.



Lion Past President Donna



### Couples Picnic

The couples picnic will be on Saturday July 18<sup>th</sup> from 11-3 PM on Lion Ann's boat. The cost will be \$12/person. Please bring an appetizer or a dessert to share and your significant other. Please RSVP to Lion Donna by the Special Kids Picnic. 803-7605.



On Saturday June 20th the Grand Island Lions held their first annual garage sale fundraiser on the West River median. The Club would like to thank all in the community who donated items for sale and who came out and purchased items. The Club made \$263.70 which will go towards Lions programs. Seen working the event are Lions Anne Fahning and Donna Lavallee (Rt).



On Wednesday June 10th, The Grand Island Lions Club awarded Mary Dunbar-Daluisio and Lion Dan Morabito with the Lions Club International Foundation Melvin Jones Award at their annual Installation Dinner held at Byblos Niagara Resort and Spa. The award is the LCIF's highest honor and is given to a lion's member or citizen for outstanding humanitarian service. Mary Dubar-Daluisio has been instrumental in the Grand Island Relay for Life since its inception in 2003 and served as co-chairman from 2004 to 2012. During that time the fundraiser has brought in over one million dollars for cancer research. Lion Dan Morabito a past president of the Grand Island Lions Club has served the Grand Island Lions actively for the twenty years and he has worked tirelessly on our fundraisers and the Grand Island Lions "Special Kids Picnic." Lion Dan has also been a Scout leader for many years and was instrumental in setting up scouting at School 84 for children with special needs. Pictured are past and current award winners left to right: Dick Crawford, Dunbar-Daluisio, Dave Chervinsky, Morabito, and Paul Bassette.



Lion Fred Ruocco received The Robert J. Uplinger Distinguished Service Award at the Grand Island Lion Installation and Awards Dinner held on June 10th at Byblos Resort and Spa. Established in 1993, the award honors outstanding Lions and non-Lions or organizations who perform exemplary service to a Club, District, or community. These honorees possess the highest examples of Lionistic character, ideals, purpose, and service. Pictured and shown with past Uplinger Award winners from left to right are: Paul Bassette, Annette Boies-Lobl, Dave Chervinsky, Ruocco, and Dick Crawford.





The Grand Island Lions held their Installation Dinner and Awards Banquet for the 2015-16 year on June 10 at Byblos Resort and Spa. The Lions International Foundation Melvin Jones Awards were given to Mary Dunbar-Daluisio and Lion Dan Morabito while Lion Fred Ruocco received a Robert Uplinger Distinguished Service Award. Lions Dick Crawford and Paul Bassette performed the Installation Ceremony of Officers. Pictured are the Lions Board of Directors from left to right: Director Paul Krupa, Third Vice President Henry Lobl, Corresponding Secretary Annette Boies-Lobl, Director Dave Chervinsky, Lion Twister Fred Ruocco, Second Vice President Dick Crawford, President Tom E. Rusert, and Director Brooks Rimes. Not present were First Vice President Mike Steinagel, Treasurer Tom Witkowski, Recording Secretary Donna Lavallee, Director Norm Hahn, and Lion Tamer Anne Fahning.

2015 Grand Island Lions Club announced the winners of the Adrian P. Pollock - Bruce Kaiser Service Scholarship. They are: Alexander M. Garey who will be attending Elmira College, Margaret M. H. Rustowicz who will be attending St. John Fisher College, Katherine L. Fonte who will be attending Nazareth College and Benjamin G. Shaw who will be attending D'Youville College. Each winner will receive a \$500 scholarship award.  
Lion Paul Bassette

**Special Kiids Picnic**  
Wednesday July 15, 2015  
Buffalo Launch Club

Hope all members can  
come !  
Lion Annette



**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY**

Paul Bassette  
Dan Morabito  
Earl DeGlopper  
Mark Frentzel  
Paul Krupa  
Gary Tucker  
Shelia Ferrentino  
Donna Lavallee

Thanks to Lions Donna Lavallee, Anne Fahning, Paul Bassette Tom Rusert, Tom Witkowski and Annette Boies-Lobl for contributions to this newsletter. The deadline for the September Newsletter is Friday August 28th. If you have material for the newsletter, you can e-mail it to Lion Dave Chervinsky, the editor/publisher, at:

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