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4th of  
July

# The Grand Island Lion

## July-August 2018

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### Upcoming Events:



**WE SERVE**

#### July 4th

Independence Day Parade  
NOCO Parking Lot by 8:30AM

#### Wednesday July 18th

Special Kids Picnic  
Location BLC

#### Saturday July 21st

Lions Garage Sale  
Lion Tom Witkowski's Home

#### Saturday July 28th

Members Picnic  
3PM at Lion Anne and Bob's Boat

#### Saturday Aug 18th

KOC Chicken Barbeque  
4:30-7:30PM at KOC Hall

#### White Cane Drive

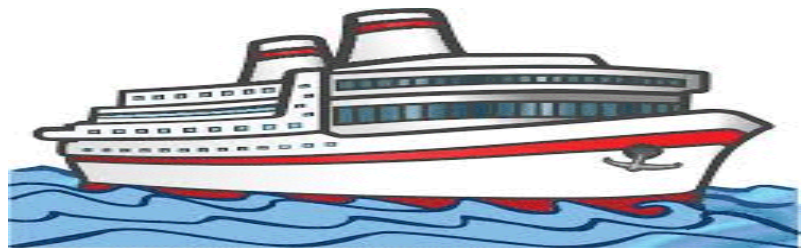
August 17-18th

Thank you Lion Henry for your service. Another Lions Year has passed by and we have transitioned to our new slate of Officers. 2017-2018 was a great year for our club for so many reasons and I am looking forward to another great year. I want to personally thank everyone for their hard work and dedication without each and every individual in our club, we would be nothing without you. Volunteerism is what Lions do and we do it best. We have new members with new ideas and new perspectives that can help us grow together. We just had our first Board Meeting. Tom Rusert is our Membership Chair and has great ideas for growing our club but he needs out help. We are looking at new and fun ways to raise monies that will allow us to have more of an outreach to serve our community and beyond. Thank you Lion Cindy for stepping up as a Director and digging in to make our November Health Fair a successful one. July 18<sup>th</sup> is our 60<sup>th</sup> Special Kids Picnic and I want to thank Lion Annette for Chairing this event for more than a decade. I would also like to thank all the volunteers that help make this such a special day. Thank you Lion Anne and Bob for hosting yet another members picnic, which will be held on July



**Setup for the Special Kids Picnic** is 10AM Tuesday the July 17th. At the BLC. If you plan to help please let Lion Dick know.

**Picnic Day:** 8:30AM July 18th. We hope all members can participate. Clean up is immediately after around 2PM Refreshments will be served afterward.



This years couples cruise will be held 10 days after the Special Kids picnic on Saturday July 28th on Anne and Bob Fahning's Dock 2186 East River Road. Snack/cocktails 3PM on the dock. Dinner is at 4PM and the cruise at 5PM. Members are asked to bring an appetizer or desert. Dinner and drinks will be provided by the club. The cruise is very enjoyable and the boat can accommodate up to 30 people. We need a count by July 10th Any question contact Lion Henry 773-3530.

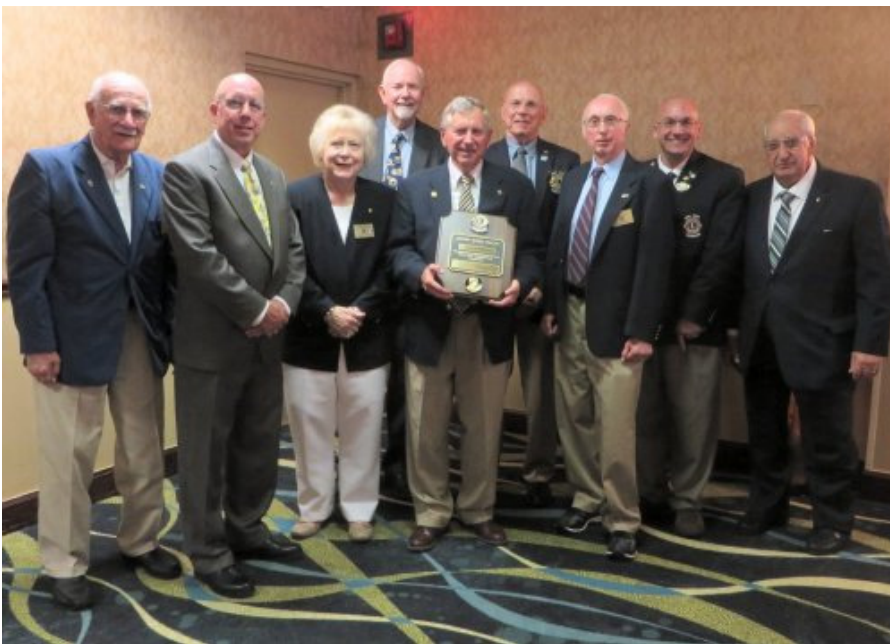
Diana and I appreciate all the thoughts and prayers that Lions have bestowed upon us at this time over the passing of my boy. I know some good will come from it and appreciate the work that one of our sister clubs, the Wheatfield Lions, is putting into setting up an opioid conference in August, naming it after Tommy. We are truly blessed!

Lion Tom Witkowski  
716-909-1862

The Grand Island Lions held their Installation and Awards Banquet at the Grand Island Radisson Inn on June 13<sup>th</sup> 2018. In addition to the Installation of officers the club presented a Melvin Jones Award to John Harbison and an Uplinger Award to Lion Shelia Ferrentino. Certificates of appreciation were given to Tops Markets and The Radisson for their continuous support of our Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser. Two new members were inducted into our club Adrienne Cassata, an Optometrist on the Island and Grand Island Councilman Beverly Kinney



BOD: Installed officers for the 2018-19 year are shown left to right Lions Paul Krupa, First Vice President; Tom Witkowski, Treasurer; Tom Rusert, Membership Chairman; Henry Lobl, Immediate Past President; Donna Lavallee, Recording Secretary; Dick Crawford, Bob Goulding, Directors; Anne Fahning, Second Vice President, Cindy Sharpe, Brooks Rimes, Directors; Shelia Ferrentino, President; Fred Ruocco, Tail Twister/Lion Tamer; and Kelly McGarvey, Corresponding Secretary.

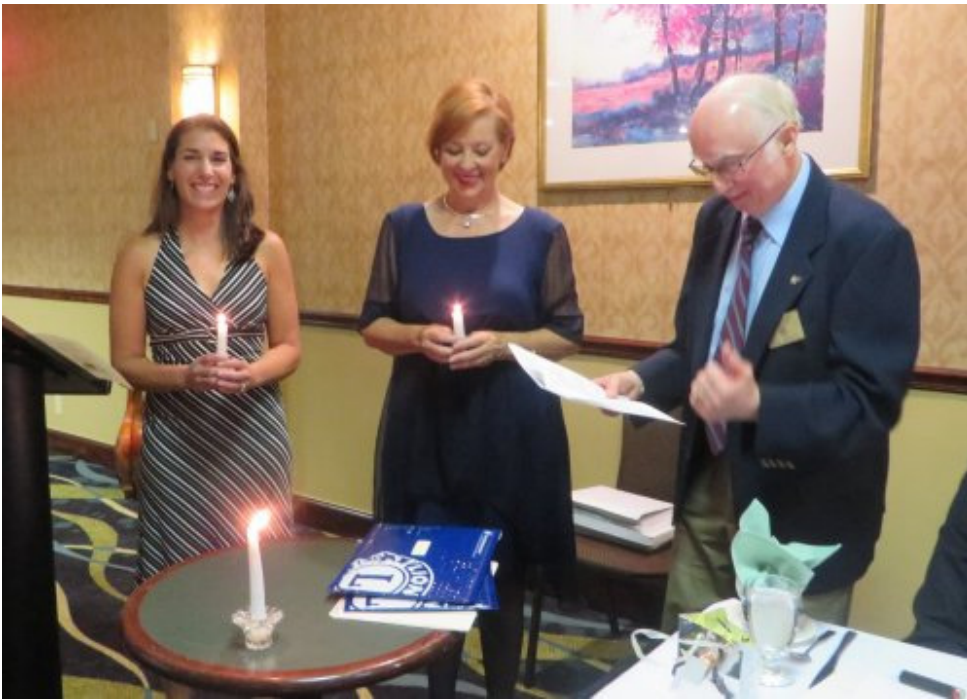


Melvin Jones Award: The award is the LCIF's highest honor and is given to a Lion's member or citizen for outstanding humanitarian service. John Harbison was presented the award and is seen here with past award recipients. Lt to Rt Lions Bob Goulding, Dick Crawford, Annette Boies-Lobl, Dave Chervinsky, Harbison, Tom Witkowski, Paul Bassette, PDG Ken Butkowski, and Dan Morabito.



Special recognition certificates: Certificates of appreciation were given to Tops Markets and the Radisson Inn for their continued support of the Lions Spaghetti Dinner. The dinner is a fundraiser held every spring to help fund the Lions Special Kids Picnic held in July for Western NY children with special needs. Receiving the certificate for Tops (bottom photo) is Jessica Bracco with Lions Henry Lobl (Lt) and Dick Crawford. Receiving the certificate for The Radisson (TOP) is Marnie Bator and Molly Wynne from Lion Tom Rusert as Lion Henry Lobl looks on.





New Members: The Grand Island Lions Inducted two new members into their Club at their annual Installation Dinner. Seen here is (on the left) Dr. Adrienne Manzo Cassata an Optometrist on living on Grand Island and Grand Island Councilman Beverly Kinney. Performing the ceremony is Lion Paul Bassette. Sponsors are Dave Chervinsky for Lion Adrienne and Cindy Sharpe for Lion Beverly.



Uplinger Award: This years Robert J. Uplinger recipient is Lion Shelia Ferrentino, seen here flanked by past Uplinger winners. 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. From Lt are Lions Tom Rusert, Dick Crawford, Fred Ruocco, Donna Lavallee, Ferrentino, Dave Chervinsky, Anne Fahning, Tom Witkowski, Annette Boies-Lobl, Paul Bassette, Bob Goulding, and PDG Ken Butkowski.

As membership chair I am pleased to announce that the new member contest has returned. Participation is voluntary but encouraged for all Lion members. Each Lion that enters is required to ante up \$5.00 by our September 26th meeting with prizes for most new members or reenlisted former members inducted. The contest dates are July 1, 2018 thru the June 12, 2019 installation dinner. New members must be inducted during this time.

Prizes for most new members sponsored:

- First-Place: Cash from the pot plus really cool Lions gear
- Second-Place: Cool Lions gear
- Third-Place: Almost as cool Lions gear

In case of a tie prizes will be awarded by the earliest induction calendar date. Please sponsor a new member this Lions year and win if you're in!

Lion Tom Rusert  
Membership Chair

Awards were given out at the Installation Dinner for:

Perfect Attendance:

- Bob Goulding 3 years
- Tom Witkowski 11 years
- Anne Fahning 15 years
- Tom Rusert 16 years
- Fred Ruocco 17 years
- Dick Crawford 23 years

Member Milestones:

- Tom Rusert 20 years
- Tom Witkowski 25 years
- Fred Ruocco 25 years
- Pat Patterson 40 years

Centennial Award Pins From LCI:

Silver Centennial to Tom Witkowski who Sponsored Cindy Sharpe (Sponsored member must stay in club one year and 1 day)

Gold Centennial Henry Lobl who sponsored Tom DiJohn. (Sponsored member must stay in club two years plus 1 day).

Diamond Centennial: Shelia Ferrentino who sponsored Kelly McGarvey. (Sponsored member must stay in club three years and 1 day).

## Grand Island Library Summer Course Schedule:

Hi all. May I please ask you to spread the word about the following lecture/programs coming to the library this summer...all being funded by the Friends (computer class excluded). Thank you in advance.

Bridgette Heintz  
 Director Grand Island Memorial Library  
 1715 Bedell Rd.  
 Grand Island, NY 14072  
 716-773-7124

### The Art of Flower Pounding

Thursday, July 5th 6:00 pm

Master crafter, Kathleen Rumfola, will host this workshop focused on the art of flower pounding with rocks to create beautiful botanical images on cloth and paper.

All materials and flowers will be provided.

Registration is required. Please call 773-7124.

### Mobile Dome Planetarium

Tuesday, July 24th 2 sessions: 5:00 pm and 6:00 pm

This program is designed for ages 8 and up.

Family-friendly; adults are encouraged to attend.

The stars come to us as Mr. K of Ancient Eyes Productions brings his inflatable dome planetarium to the library!

Explore the night sky as seen from your backyard. We will look at things you can find in the sky like bright stars and constellations, current moon phase and visible planets.

All these objects, plus more, can be seen in your sky tonight!

Registration is required. 773-7124.

Please choose which session you would like to attend when registering.

### Computer Basics

Wednesday, August 1st 3:30 pm

Skill level: Basic

Requirements: none

Registration is required. Please call 773-7124.

Designed for beginners, this class includes a review of the hardware and software of a computer as well as an introduction on how to use the mouse and keyboard.

### Italian Tapestry

Thursday, August 9th 6:30 pm

A nine day tour of Italy with stops in Venice, Modena, Florence, Siena, Pienza, Rome, Pompeii, Sorrento and Capri.

Photographic slides of sites visited, highlights along with trip anecdotes and culture will be featured by Sal Bordonaro. Refreshments will be provided. Registration is required. Please call 773-7124.

Part one of a two-part travelogue series. Sicily will be discussed on August 16th (Separate registration required).

### I Left My Heart in Montedoro\*

Thursday, August 16th 6:30 pm

\*Ho Lasciato Mio Cuoro in Montedoro

Sal Bordonaro narrates a photographic travelogue of a trip in Montedoro, Sicily and surrounding locales during the Summer of 2015.

Montedoro has a long history with the Buffalo area since numerous Montedorese immigrated to our region. Food, culture and history will be interlaced throughout the talk.

Second part of a two-part travelogue series.

Refreshments will be provided.

Registration is required. Please call 773-7124.

### Intro to Etsy

Thursday, August 23rd 5:30 pm

Intro to Etsy with Vanessa Lauria

(10-year etsy veteran and creator of pidge pidge)

Learn how to create a shop on Etsy, the popular e-commerce website focused on handmade and vintage items.

Free and open to the public. Space is limited.

Call 773-7124 to register.

Although not required, feel free to bring your tablet, laptop, or smartphone to follow along with instruction. Simple handout will be provided.

### Past, Present, and Future of the Great Lakes

Thursday, August 30th 6:00 pm

Professional geologist, Jerold Bastedo, will lead a presentation on the Great Lakes which will include information on the regional geology, geologic maps, and rock specimens from the Niagara Gorge.

Attendees are welcome to bring fossils, rocks or minerals to be identified.

Mr. Bastedo is the retired Executive Director of the Penn Dixie Paleontological Site located in Hamburg, NY and he has 49 years of experience in his field. He currently works as a Consulting Geologist and educator.

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The KOC, Mary Star of the Sea, 1841 Whitehaven road is having a Chicken Barbeque on Saturday August 18th from 4:30-7:30PM. Cost is \$12 advanced or \$13 at the door. Proceeds, as done in the past, will, in part, be donated to our Special Kids Picnic. Please consider attending. Lion Jerry Dubiel has tickets for anyone needing them. Call Lion Jerry at 773-3465.



**July 4th parade**

We will once again be marching in the Grand Island July 4th parade. This is an easy way to show our commitment to our community and represent Lionism. We wear our Lions polo shirts, either black or white. I have 2 shirts and will bring them both in case there is a new woman member who does not yet have a shirt as well as my vest. We march with our mascot the Lion, American and Canadian flags and our banner. Lion Ann Fahning and her husband Bob will be bringing two classic cars. We need to be at our starting point by 8:30 as then Grand Island Blvd is closed to traffic. Starting point is the NOCO Express/Dunkin Doughnuts parking lot- North side.



Our club will be participating in the Grand Island-Wide Garage Sale to be held on Saturday, July 21, 2018 beginning at 9 AM . It will be held at the home of Lion Tom and Diana Witkowski, 57 Fieldstone Dr. It is being promoted as a fundraiser to benefit our projects and services that we provide to others. We will also be selling grilled hotdogs along with water and pop. Please rummage through all your items that you would like to sell and tag them with a price and bring them along with any table that that we can use on that day. Bring your items the day before or the morning of the sale.

Tom Witkowski  
716-909-1862



**Wanted: A Lion who is energetic, organized and a good communicator to co-chair the 2019 Special Kids Picnic. Contact Lion Annette 773-3530**

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. Last month we received 175.86! Thank you to all who participated.

Lion Tom Rusert

Thanks to Lions Tom Witkowski, Annette-Boies Lobl, Shelia Ferrentino, Donna Lavallee and Tom Rusert for contributions to this newsletter. The deadline for the September Newsletter is Thursday August 30th. If you have material for the newsletter, you can e-mail it to Lion Dave Chervinsky, the editor/publisher, at: [grandislandiodave@gmail.com](mailto:grandislandiodave@gmail.com).

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**



Paul Bassette  
Daniel Morabito  
Mark Frentzel  
Paul Krupa

Donna Lavallee  
Shelia Ferrentino