



The Grand Island Lion

September 2017

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Split Club Jackpot is \$196.00

The Lion who draws the ace of hearts at our general meeting, will win the pot.

Upcoming Events:



WE SERVE

September 13th
Lions General Meeting
Radisson Inn
Cocktails 6:30 Dinner 7PM
Program: Installation of new members.

September 23rd
Taste of Grand Island
12 Noon-8 PM

September 27th
Lions General Meeting
Buffalo Launch Club
Cocktails 6:30 Dinner 7PM
Program TBA
BOD Meeting to follow

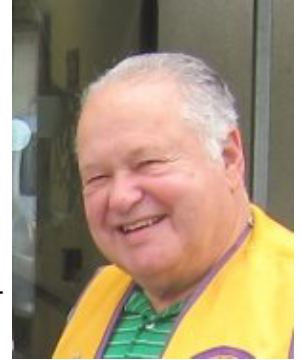
October 11th
Joint GI Lions -Merritton Lions Dinner Meeting
Location TBA

October 17th
Candidates Night
Sponsored by GI Lions
Location TBA

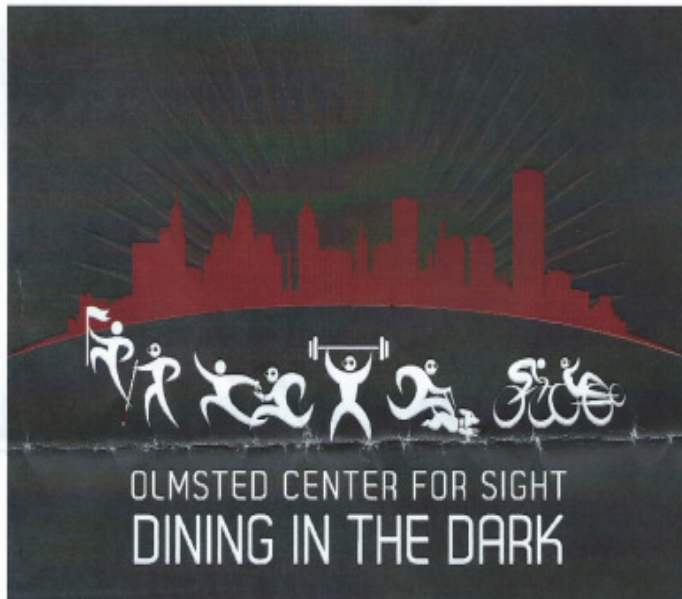
Well summer is almost over. We have started planning for the 2017-2018 year with the Club.

First of all I would like to recap the last two months. We had two meetings of the Board of Directors resulting in many positive suggestions for the coming year's activities. Thanks to "our step up to the plate" membership,

White Cane Days raised almost \$3000 with all available collection shifts filled. We are very grateful to the Grand Island community for supporting this event. We have had some good suggestions for the SWOT analysis. I will present a summation at the November Directors Board and other interested Lions. We have an exciting meeting for September 13, at the Radisson when we expect to induct five new members. Other key upcoming events are: Saturday, September 23rd noon to 8PM Taste of Grand island. Wednesday October 11th, visit by Merritton. Tuesday October 17th, Candidates night. November 08th to 11th, Bon Ton Community Days. December 13th, Christmas Party. Yours in Service,
Henry Lobl



**The Grand Island Lions will induct five new members at our September 13th General meeting.
We welcome new members Cindy Sharpe, Sarah Sweeney, Danielle Rose, James Rose, and Jeanine Justen!**



OLMSTED CENTER FOR SIGHT
DINING IN THE DARK

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 5:30-9PM

Hyatt Regency Buffalo

Emcee: Maryalice Demler WGRZ Channel 2 News Anchor/Reporter

Event Chair: Patricia Clabeaux

DINING IN THE DARK is Olmsted Center for Sight's annual fundraiser wherein guests have the unique opportunity to dine blindfolded! It is an eye-opening glimpse into the lives of those living with visual impairment. To learn more about our services go to www.olmstedcenter.org



5:30-7:00PM COCKTAILS & HORS D'OEUVRES

• Silent Auction • Basket Raffles • Art in the Dark Auction

7:00PM DINNER

• Herb Siegel Visionary Award • Keynote Speaker • Live Auction

TICKET INFORMATION:

Individual Tickets: \$125.00

Two or more tickets: \$112.50 each

To purchase tickets please go to:

<http://olmstedcenter.org/event/dining-dark-gala/>

RSVP BY SEPTEMBER 13th 2017

For more information contact: Renee DiFlavio at 716-888-4627

or email rdflavio@olmstedcenter.org

The Brandel-Murphy Youth Foundation is happy to announce its Super Bowl LII raffle will be starting in October with some lucky duck winning a complete Super Bowl package valued at over \$11,000, or one (who knows, may more than one) of eleven cash prizes totaling \$5,500. See flier elsewhere in this issue of our club newsletter for more info.

Our club makes an annual donation to the foundation in order to provide matching grants up to \$2,000 to fund a child-related project our fellow district Lions definitely could use the extra money for. By selling the tickets, additional funding for more projects will then be realized. In our district, eleven matching grants totaling over \$18,000 have helped make a better world for over 4,300 children. Of these eleven, our club has been the proud recipient of two of them; one benefitting the Miracle League playground project, the other our annual Special Kids Picnic. We have even won one of the \$500.00 cash prizes! Because of the outstanding, and record breaking, support of the clubs of our noteworthy district, the district has received additional funds because of our efforts. You can take that to the bank any day of the week!

Our tickets will arrive mid-October. If you would like to reserve additional tickets now or know someone who would just love a chance at going to Super Bowl LII, please give me a call at 909-1862 or an email at liontom20n@roadrunner.com. If your committee would like some help in applying for a grant, I can help also. I have some nifty suggestions you can use to sell tickets or have you reach a successful grant request. All ya gotta do is ask!

Thanks for your support and wishing you much success,

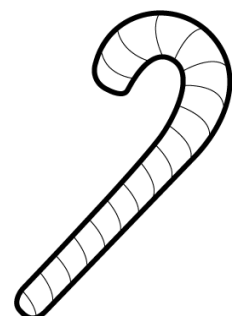
Lion Tom Witkowski
 BMYF District 20N Coordinator

White Cane Project

We raised \$2905. Thanks to Lions Paul Bassette, Tom Butler, Dave Chervinsky, Dick Crawford, Jerry Dubiel, Anne Fahning, Shelia Ferrentino, Bob Goulding, Donna Lavallee, Kelly McGarvey, Dan Morabito, Fred Ruocco, Tom Rusert, Cindy Sharpe, Tom Witkowski, LP Henry. A special thank-you to Peggy Butler and Colleen Furnia.

This is a job well done!

Lion Annette





59th Special Kids Picnic

On July 19, 2017 the Grand Island Lions Club held their 59th annual "Special Kids Picnic" at the Buffalo Launch Club. Over 1000 kids with special needs and their chaperones enjoyed a variety of entertainment including boat rides, pony rides, Shriner mini kar rides, face painting and entertainment by Step in Time Baton Dancers. Sabretooth and the Lions mascot, magicians and Pringles the Clown, milled through the crowd and engaged the children. Lunch included hot dogs, hamburgers, soda and popcorn. Lion Annette Boies-Lobl, picnic chairman, gave credit to the 90 volunteers who helped the club carry this out. Volunteers included Lions from our sister Club of Merritton Ontario, Canada, as well as members of the Knights of Columbus, and Kenmore Boy Scout Troop 104. Special thanks goes to Mount St. Mary's Hospital as a sponsor for the donation of \$1000, to the Buffalo Launch Club for donating their facilities, to the boat captains and Collins Marine who donated their boats, to the crew of the Excalibur Boat, and to Tops Markets, Tim Horton's and Dunkin Donuts for their donations.

SUPER BOWL LII RAFFLE



**TOP PRIZE
WORTH OVER \$11,000!**

MINNEAPOLIS, MN
FEBRUARY 4, 2018

FIRST PRIZE "Complete Super Bowl Package"

- 2 Upper level tickets to the game with transportation.
 - 3 night deluxe accommodations.
- Round trip airfare from anywhere in the continental U.S.
- Free carfare to the game as well complimentary breakfasts, welcome gifts, on site concierge services and much, much more!

DRAWING TO BE HELD ON JANUARY 13, 2018

Second Prize: \$2000.00 Third Prize: \$1000.00
Fourth Prize & Fifth Prize: \$500.00
Sixth thru Eleventh Prizes: \$250.00

SPECIAL SIX TICKETS \$100!  **COST: ONLY \$20.00 PER TICKET**

Contact: 20N Coordinator Lion Tom Witkowski
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 Go our website for further info at www.brandelmurphyfoundation.org

All proceeds to benefit Brandel-Murphy Youth Foundation

Make checks payable to: Brandel-Murphy Youth Foundation, PO Box 913, RVC, NY 11571

We are a 501c3 organization. Contributions are deductible to the extent allowed by law.

Lion Jerry's Pie served at the Lions Picnic

Strawberry Peanut Butter Pie

Serves: 10

Chilling Time: 2 hours

Ingredients:

1 ¼ cups crushed pretzels

¼ cup granulated sugar

½ cup butter, melted

1 cup creamy peanut butter

18-ounce package cream cheese

½ cup powdered sugar

1 ½ cups frozen whipped dessert topping, thawed

121-ounce can LUCKY LEAF® Premium Strawberry Fruit

Filling & Topping

Directions:

Combine the crushed pretzels and granulated sugar, then stir in the melted butter.

Press the crumb mixture onto the bottom and sides of a 10-inch pie plate. Cover and chill.

Beat together the peanut butter, cream cheese and powdered sugar with an electric mixer on medium speed. Fold in the whipped dessert topping.

Spoon 1/2 cup of the Lucky Leaf Premium Strawberry Pie Filling into the crust-lined pie plate. Carefully spread the peanut butter filling over top of the pie filling. Top with the remaining pie filling.

Cover and chill for 2 hours before serving.

Members should continue to bring nonperishable food items to our meetings for benefit of the Neighbors Foundation Food Bank. Also Bottle Junction credits our club 6 cents on every deposit can or bottle returned.

Thanks,
Lion Tom R

Thanks to Lions Tom Witkowski, Henry Lobl, Annette Boies-Lobl, Jerry Dubiel, Tom Rusert and Donna Lavalley for contributions to this newsletter. The deadline for the October Newsletter is Friday September 29th. If you have material for the newsletter, you can e-mail it to Lion Dave Chervinsky, the editor/publisher, at:

grandislandiodave@gmail.com.

Visit us at: www.gilions.com.

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**



Cindy Sharpe
Mary Jo Tucker
Thomas DiJohn
Brooks Rimes