



The Grand Island Lion

May 2019

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Upcoming Events:



May 7th BOOSTER NIGHT See p3

May 8th - Radisson Meeting

May 22nd - BLC (General Membership and Board Meeting)

June 12th - Installation Dinner Radisson

July 17th – Special Kids Picnic at BLC

Hello Lions, We are into Spring already. Our 50th Annual Spaghetti Dinner is around the corner. I am sure it will be another great success. Cheers to all the Volunteers that work so hard to make it such a special day. The morning after is Kids Day. Thank you to all the Volunteers that express Lionism by giving up their time for the Children.



Our last meeting was with our Sister Club in Merritton. As usual, there was plenty of camaraderie, sharing of information and lots of laughs. We had a moment of silence for our Lion Brothers that have recently passed. Sadly, we lost Lion Al Ackerman. Lion Scotty lead us into songs. What a hoot he is. Lion Dick Crawford told the story of how we became involved with the Merritton Club. His father made friends and suggested that together we could do great things and that was 37 years ago. Cheers to Lion Dick's father for giving us lasting relationships in Lionism and friendship.

We are excited to have all our snowbirds back. Just in time for the Spaghetti Dinner. Welcome home

One month left and on to the Installation of new officers. This year is flying by and we still have a lot to do.

Lion President Shelia

Annual Dues of \$75.00 are due BEFORE JUNE 15th. Payment can be paid in cash, check, money order or through EFTs through your bank. If mailing payment, please send to Grand Island Lions Club, PO Box 71, Grand Island, NY 14072. Lion Kelly

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Lion Tom W. Picked a silver nugget att our April 14th meet-ing....

The Split Club sticks have been replaced with poker chips with club members names on it. The deck of cards has also been replaced by a much sweeter treat: Hershey Nuggets! 52 Nuggets in all, 48 wrapped in silver, 4 in gold. Pick a gold one and whatever the pot is at, you win the nugget and the cash! Pick a silver and at least you have something that tastes good - everybody knows chocolate soothes you!

Lion Tom Witkowski




Our Grand Island Lions Spaghetti Dinner was a rousing success! It was estimated that our revenue was in excess of \$6000 thanks to all the volunteers who made it happen and to the great community support that attended the dinner. Chairman Lion Dick Crawford was there from start to finish and provided refreshments to our club members who stayed to the end. Pictured from left to right are Lions Donna Lavallee, Brooks Rimes, Dick Crawford, Tom Rusert, Kelly McGarvey, Anne Fahning, Tom Witkowski, Paul Krupa, Mark Frentzel, and Paul Bassette.


Booster Night
at
DICK & JENNY'S

Tuesday May, 7th
5pm-10pm

Please donate 20% of
our dinner bill to...



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Grand Island, NY 14072
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**Grand Island
Lions Club**

Thank you for your support from all of us at Dick & Jenny's.

Pictured is artwork from Dick & Jenny's for our clubs "Booster Night" on Tuesday, May 7th from 5 - 10 pm. Please pass this ad on to your family and friends. Remember we get 20% of dinner bills that evening for patrons mentioning the "GI Lions Club". In the past, this has always been a good fundraiser for our SKP! Hope you can attend.

Lion Kelly



On April 24th the Grand Island and Merritton Lions Clubs held their spring joint meeting at the Merritton Civic Center in Merritton ON. Members pictured above shared food, fun and friendships. Lion Dick Crawford told of how his Father and Merritton Lion Scotty Girotti helped bring the clubs together 37 years ago. Lion Scotty led the clubs in song as only he, can.

there were 18 members who contributed to the baked goods for the spaghetti dinner. We sold out ! Our thanks go to Mary Cooke. Louise McGrath who contributed as well and Pat and John Hurd who helped out at the sale. Our thanks to all who made this sale a success.

Lion Annette

I would like to ask all Lions to please bring non perishable food items to our May and June meetings. Contributions have been low. It would be fitting to provide the Neighbors Foundation with a substantial donation to close out our Lions year.

Thanks, Lion Tom Rusert



Lion Kelly McGarvey is seen selling "Kids Day" newspapers on the corner of GI Blvd and Long Rd. Our Club annually helps with this event Chaired by Lion Anne Fahning.. The team also included Lions Tom Witkowski, Dave Chervinsky, and Dick Crawford. Based on last years totals it's estimated that our club generated over \$800 selling 400 newspapers.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Danielle J. Rose
Thomas Butler
Fred Ruocco

Thanks to Lions Shelia Ferrentino, Donna Lavalley, Annette Lobl, Kelly McGarvey, and Tom Rusert for contributions to this newsletter. The deadline for the June Newsletter is Friday May 26th. If you have material for the newsletter, you can e-mail it to Lion Dave Chervinsky, the editor/publisher, at:

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