



The Grand Island Lion

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The split club is now \$101 and counting...

Lion Henry drew the nine of diamonds.



Hello Lions!

It was great seeing our snowbirds flying home to roost at our last meeting and we welcome them home. And for the Spaghetti Dinner? The pasta was sumptuous! And Lion Dan, we're gonna get you some help next year!

Lions, we have an active month ahead of us starting off with the 25th Lions Journey For Sight on the 4th

(hopefully, due to a snag with Goat Island and our International's insurance policy). No matter what, we're going to help people that day! All the info you need is by clicking on the Journey For Sight 2013 link at www.20nlions.org. Zonta, Rotary, and the Neighbors Foundation will be attending our meeting on the 8th where we will learn where we can tie into the Erie County Social Services Department to facilitate requests for assistance using their guidelines. A speaker from ECSSD will attend to learn of our plans and ideas. May 11th will be our district's Cabinet Recognition Dinner at Lucarelli's in Lackawanna. Great meals there and a truly nice time to recognize all the efforts of all the Lions who keep us engaged in service to our communities. Wait! No! Yes, it's convention time! New York State and Bermuda Lions, Lioness, Leos, and SOs will arrive in Buffalo for our multiple's 90th convention from May 16 – 19th. It will be held at the Adams Mark Hotel – a favorite of every conventioner that has attended in the past. Your MD20 newspaper and website (www.md20lions.com - click on State Convention icon on left) have all the information about it. Important stuff so listen up! You do not have to register if you are attending the impressive Friday opening and Sunday closing ceremonies, the fun (and free) meet-n-greet "icebreaker" on Thursday evening, or any of the hospitality suites. However, you must be registered for all other functions including the seminars, display floor, and voting. If you want to be a delegate (call me to learn more - deadline is May 5th), you must be registered (\$40) then certified to vote at the convention. Notice to Lion Treasurer Dick: we must be bill free with the International, Multiple and District! Registrations can be made the day you attend – there is no deadline. But, there are deadlines for meals and the Saturday night Beach Party. NO meal tickets will be sold at the convention. Whether it's in your budget or not, come to the convention, there is plenty to see and do and the friendships you will establish will last a lifetime! Our last meeting of the month, May 22nd, will be dedicated to our Peace Poster Contest winners. There was genuine excitement from the children I met who participated and who attended our Spaghetti Dinner. No doubt in my mind, we will all have a very enjoyable presentation and ceremony. The kids I met have so much enthusiasm – I guarantee they'll put a smile on your face and in your heart!

So come on out, dust off your vest, and attend and get revitalized!

My friends-in-service, in closing, please say a prayer for our ailing Lions so they may return speedily to good health and another for all those who protect us from harm. Thank you so much!

Lion Tom Witkowski

Sincerely yours in service,
Lion President Tom



WE SERVE

Upcoming events:

May:

May 4th:

**Journey for Sight
Goat Island State Park
(Tentative) Check the 20N web
site for details.**

Wednesday May 8th:

**Lions General Meeting
Grand Island Holiday Inn
Cocktails 6:30 Dinner 7PM
Program: Erie County Social Ser-
vices representative to speak re-
garding collaboration with the
Island's service groups.
Cocktails 6 Dinner 6:30PM.**

Wednesday May 22nd

**Lions General Meeting
Buffalo Launch Club
Cocktails 6:30 Dinner 7PM
Program: Peace Poster Winners
Recognition.
BOD Meeting to follow.**



Pictures from our April 10th joint meeting with the Merritton Lions Club. A good time was had by all.



Our April 22nd Spaghetti Dinner at the Holiday Inn was a huge success raising approximately \$3000 to help fund our July 17th "Special Kids Picnic." After the work was over, with the tables cleared and the kitchen spotless, our club members sat down to reflect on a job well done. Lions Members standing left to right are Dan Morabito, Brooks Rimes, Tom Rusert, Mark Frentzel, and Shelia Ferrentino. Sitting are Dick Crawford, Tom Witkowski, Donna Lavallee, Anne Fahning, Dave Chervinsky, Jerry Dubiel and Diane Dubiel.



Dog for sale: Eats anything and loves children. Stock up and save. Limit one. Dinner special - Turkey 52.25; Chicken or Beef \$2.25; Children \$2.00

Everyone has a photographic memory; Some just don't have film.
 If King Midas sat on gold, who sat on Silver?
 The Lone Ranger!
 What is the best way to prevent infection from biting insects?
 Don't bite any!
 What do you call a man who shaves 20 times a day?
 A Barber...
 Lion Al.

The Grand Island Rotary is having their annual Lobster Dinner on June 7th at River Oaks. Tickets are \$85 for all you can eat lobster and prime rib dinner. Our Lions Club would like to have a table to support the Rotary. If you would like to attend this event, contact Lion President Tom.

Thanks to Lions Tom Witkowski, Donna Lavallee, Glenn Connell and Shelia Ferrentino for contributions to this newsletter. The deadline for the June Newsletter is Friday May 31st. If you have material for the newsletter, you can e-mail it to Lion Dave Chervinsky, the editor/publisher, at: grandislandliondave@gmail.com.

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