



# The Grand Island Lion

## November 2020

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### Message from Lion President Paul

Hello Lions, this is certainly a challenging year with the saga of the Covid pandemic continuing to rear its ugly head and more importantly the loss of one of our most committed Lions, Lion Annette. Our thoughts and prayers are with you Lion Henry during this difficult time.



While the Covid pandemic has had an impact on our club activities and our fundraising we are showing ourselves that we are a creative and resilient club. I have to say from my perspective that meetings have been challenging with a mix of Zoom and in person impacting participation. We have, on average, about 10 members attending each meeting. We are getting things done, with new ideas being shared but we could use so many more voices and ideas as we work through this challenging year. For fundraising so we can continue to our community outreach efforts.

One of our new fundraising ideas is going to be a fun one and put us in front and center of our community. Hopefully you have all received via e-mail a request to participate in a Christmas Caroling event on December 5<sup>th</sup>. With the support of Tops, we will be singing and hopefully uplifting our community from the front of Tops and looking for donations that we will use to support the Grand Island Food Bank operation of the Grand Lions Neighborhood Foundation. Our Chairperson for this event is Lion Anne Ryan. Please reach out to Lion Anne to support what should be a very fun time.

To close we are looking for a volunteer to take over the collection of glasses and eyewear as our current chairperson, Lion Bob Goulding, is having health issues that make the task of collecting, sorting and delivering glasses, sunglasses and cases no longer possible. We can talk about this at our upcoming November meeting. I met with Lion Bob and he has this process down to a science that makes it a fun and easy job for one person that maybe takes about 5 hrs. per week at the most to complete.

We are now moving to our "winter" schedule where we will be meeting once a month on the second Wednesday of the month.

Look for more details on this meeting coming to you via e-mail. It might be 100% Zoom or we may try to do a hybrid meeting where we meet – safely and socially distant - while including all other Lions, who do not feel safe with face to face meetings at this time, via a Zoom connection.

Finally – we need all of our members, who haven't done so, to contact Lion Tom Witkowski with your vote to accept our 2020/2021 budget.

Respectfully,  
Lion Paul

### Upcoming Events:

**November 11th: Lions General and BOD meeting**  
Details to follow.

**December 5th: 12N-4PM**  
**Christmas Caroling Fundraiser at Tops Market**  
Details to follow

**December 9th Lions Christmas Party.**  
Details to follow



**WE SERVE**

**Don't forget to wear your magnetic Lion emblem. Show the public you are a Lion. Words of wisdom: Perseverance breeds "success"**



**Lion Bob Goulding**



Our Lions Club is mourning the loss of Lion Annette Bois Lobl who was beloved by all. In addition to dedication to her husband, Lion Henry, She led her life with compassion and service to her community and church. As a member of the Lions She chaired the Special Kids Picnic for the last 12 years, served as corresponding Secretary for eight years, and coordinated the Spaghetti Dinner Bake sale and Meals on Wheels Lions efforts. Annette served on many committees and was always ready to lend a helping hand and help our club and its members. She will be missed by everyone whose lives she touched.

**BOIES-LOBL - Annette H.**

On her birthday October 26, 2020, of Grand Island, NY, formerly of Clarence, NY; beloved wife of Henry G. Lobl; also survived by beloved nieces and nephews; she was predeceased by her parents Antoinette (nee Giannelli) and Henry A. Boies; siblings and her twin Barbara Boies, Jerome Boies Sr., Hank Boies (Pat Slater) and Mary Boies. A Mass of Christian Burial will be Thursday, October 29th, at 10 AM from St. Stephen RC Church, 2100 Baseline Road, Grand Island, NY. Annette's nursing career spanned over 30 years. Arrangements by SHEPARD BROS. FUNERAL HOME.



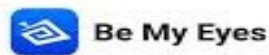
## Grand Island Lions Club Meals on Wheels Schedule May-Dec, 2020

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|--------------|-------------------------------------|
| May 01       | Henry, Annette and Dave             |
| May 15       | Anne Fahning and Paul Bassette      |
| June 05      | Shelia Ferrentino and Tom Witkowski |
| June 19      | Henry ,Annette and Dave Chervinssky |
| July 03      | Henry, Annette and Dave             |
| July 17      | Anne Fahning and Paul Bassette      |
| August 07    | Shelia Ferrentino and Tom Witkowski |
| August 21    | Henry, Annette and Dave             |
| September 04 | Henry, Annette and Dave             |
| September 18 | Anne Fahning and Paul Bassette      |
| October 03   | Shelia ferrentino and Tom Witkowski |
| November 06  | Henry, Annette and Dave             |
| November 20  | Anne Fahning and Paul Bassette      |
| December 04  | Henry, Annette and Dave             |
| December 18  | Henry, Annette and Tom Witkowski    |

## Mark the Date!

District Governor Rick Battaglia and Zone Chair Paul Smith are scheduled for our Christmas Party on Wednesday December 9. More details to follow.

Lion Tom W.



I have been a five plus year member of Be My Eyes, an app that connects people who are blind or who have vision problems with volunteers to give visual assistance through a live video call. There are over 4.2 million members helping nearly a quarter-million people in need of help. Today, I helped a woman figure out how to start her washing machine. Guiding her phone camera across the control panel and display, I was able to help her by having her shut the door and find the start button. We, the sighted, at times take things for granted. And it's us the sighted that mean the world to those who can't see or see well. Want to help? Download the Be My Eyes app and after some training, you'll be ready to answer the call for help.

Lion Tom W.

## Lions,

Non-perishable food items will be collected to benefit the Grand Island Neighbors Foundation when we resume meetings. Also used cell phones are needed by the Sheriff's Department Domestic Violence unit. Phones are reprogrammed for emergency use by victims under their watch.

Please return your empties to Bottle and Can Retrieval Center 2447 Grand Island Blvd, Grand Island, NY. Just mention that you would like the deposit money to be credited to the Grand Island Lions Club.

Stuart Sports has many styles and colors of polo shirts along with other apparel available. Stop in and peruse their catalogs and request that the Grand Island Lions logo be applied to your selection.

It's just a short drive to Lewiston:

Stuart Sports 486 Center St. Lewiston, NY (716-754-4895)

<http://www.stuartsportsinc.com/>

Lion Tom Rusert



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY



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Gerald Dubiel

Thanks to Lions Tom Rusert, Bob Goulding, Tom Witkowski, Donna Lavalley, Paul Krupa, and Anne Fahning for contributions to this newsletter. The deadline for the December Newsletter is Friday November 27th. If you have material for the newsletter, you can e-mail it to Lion Dave Chervinsky, the editor/publisher: [grandislandliondave@gmail.com](mailto:grandislandliondave@gmail.com).

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