



# The Grand Island Lion

November 2021

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GRAND ISLAND LIONS CLUB



THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE 6:00PM TO 8:00PM

NOVEMBER 17<sup>th</sup> – MALLWITZ'S ISLAND LANES

1887 WHITEHAVEN ROAD



WE WILL BE COLLECTING FROZEN TURKEYS  
CANNED GOODS AND GIFT CARDS TO BENEFIT  
THE "GRAND ISLAND NEIGHBORS FOUNDATION"

AFTER YOU DONATE, JOIN US FOR

A FREE GAME OF BOWLING

For more information call

Lion Tom Rusert 716-704-9644 or Lion Dick Crawford 716-818-6992

Happy Fall my fellow Lions!



Hard to believe we are moving in to the cooler months and it's almost holiday season. I'm very excited for our next meeting on November 17th, the turkey drive is such a brilliant way to help out our community. If anyone has any glasses for me please text me or email and I can come by and pick them up. Thank you to everyone for all your help with meetings, I really appreciate it.

I look forward to seeing everyone soon and Happy Halloween and Go Bills!!

Lion President Kim

## Upcoming Events:

November 17 Mallwitz Lanes Thanksgiving Food Drive 6:30pm

December 8 Christmas Party Launch Club not confirmed 6:30pm

January 12th G.I. Community Center 6:30pm

February 23 Mallwitz Lanes 6:30pm

March 9 G.I. Community Center 6:30pm

April 23 G.I. Community Center 6:30pm  
April 25 Spaghetti Dinner Knights of Columbus 6:30pm

May 11 G.I. Community Center 6:30pm  
May 25 Launch Club not confirmed 6:30pm

June 8 Installation Dinner Launch Club not confirmed 6:30pm

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 guest speakers at our October 27th meeting were Kathy Spillman from Journeys End and Ahmad Rashid an Afghan refugee. Together they described the difficult Journey Ahmad and his family took to get to and settle in this country and the help he received from Journeys End. In a video Ahmad describes his journey: <https://www.facebook.com/lloydTacoTrucks/videos/790265461641433/>  
 We are currently seeking a \$500 matching grant from New York State and Bermuda Lions Foundation to help fund the \$750,000 needed to house, feed, educate, and help in finding jobs for nearly 350 Afghani evacuees over the next six months. They are in process of arriving in Buffalo.  
 Seen in the photo from left to right are Lion Tom Rusert, Kathy Spillman, Lion Kelly McGarvey, Lion Dick Crawford, Lion Tom Digati, Ahmad Rashid, Lion Donna Lavallee, and Lion Paul Bassette.

Dear members of the Lions Club,  
 Thank you so much for your generous donation to our school supply drive. Without your help, it would have not been possible for us to fill all 19 backpacks for our students in need. We are so appreciative of your continued support to our DECA Program, and we look forward to working with you in the future!  
 With many thanks,  
 Megan Lavis & Bernany Kullkowsk

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Dear Lion Club,  
 I can't thank you all enough for the set of canes you gave my parents. My Mom is 89 and my Dad is going to be 94 this month. They love the canes! Thank you so much. Elaine G. Ruback

### Thank You!



Dear Lion Members  
 THANK YOU for you seeing and for the medical equipment loan court. IT HAS BEEN A BLESSING TO ME + I AM SURE TO OTHERS AND TO DAVE. FOR TAKING HIS TIME OUT OF HIS DAY TO MEET AND REVIEW THE EQUIPMENT.  
 Prayers & Blessings  
GARY

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 Dick & Lions -  
 Thank you for all your Community Support & use of a walker too!  
 Joan & Bob Mega

Dear Past President Krupa, President Pressley, and all the Grand Island Lions,  
 I sincerely thank you all for the surprise and incredible honor of receiving the Lions Melvin Jones Fellow award. Upon arriving home after the dinner, I researched Melvin Jones and the significance of the award and found that it symbolizes characteristics of generosity, compassion and concern for others.  
 This is everything that the Lions represent in the services they provide and in the actions they do, and the Grand Island Lions have been selfless and enduring humanitarians for years. I enjoyed learning this and meeting the Lions at the dinner!  
 With such a significant award, I am humbled and proud to be designated as a Melvin Jones Fellow and I thank every Lion for your commitment to community service and making such a positive difference in so many lives.  
 With heartfelt gratitude and appreciation,  
 Nicole Gerber

Attention all budding artists! Pin design candidates for our 2022 MD-20 Lions Convention are being solicited. The convention will take place in Niagara Falls. Artists can enter as many designs as they wish prior to November 13, 2021. The designs should incorporate the words "Niagara Falls, NY" and verbiage indicating it's the 98th MD-20 Lions Convention. The design should also have a location for the Lions International logo. The winning design will not only be distributed as the convention pin, but it will also be placed on all sportswear sold at the convention.



Submit all entries to PCC Sharon Battaglia at sharonb20n@gmail.com. The winner will be selected at the District Cabinet Meeting on November 13, 2021. Good luck to all entrants!

Lions,

When caring people join together, roll up their sleeves and take action to make their community better, it's a beautiful thing—and an incredible feeling for everyone involved. That's Lions. Being a Lion is about leading by example, building relationships and improving the world through kindness. It's 1.4 million caring men and women serving together so they can make a lasting impact and change more lives.



As members we are all responsible to promote our Club and invite in new members. Our strength is in membership. Reach out to your neighbors, relatives and business people you know to join our club.

Several years ago Lion Tom Rusert started a contest to bring in new members. We will continue that drive this year. The entry fee is \$5.00, at the end of the year we will tally up the top two Lions that bring in new members and split up the money between them.

Reach out today to assist our club to build membership for the future.

I will collect the entry fee at our regular scheduled meetings or send it to Lion Treasurer Tom Witkowski.

Call me with any questions.

Thank you., Lion Dick



**WE SERVE**

Please return your empties to Bottle and Can Retrieval Center 2447 Grand Island Blvd, Grand Island, **Grand Island Can and Bottle Retrieval Center is now tracking our donations when items are left for them to credit our account.**



Also donations for the Neighbors Foundation can be brought to each meeting or dropped off to me at 895 North Colony Road. 75 lbs. of food for the Neighbors Foundation delivered were delivered this past month.

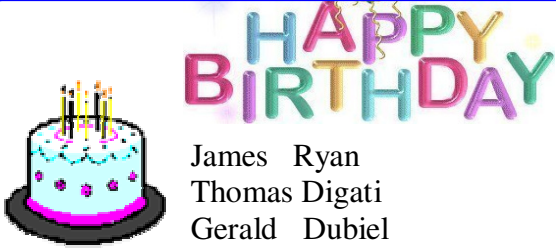
Lion Tom Rusert

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



James Ryan  
Thomas Digati  
Gerald Dubiel

Thanks to Lions Tom Rusert, Bob Goulding, Dick Crawford, Kelly McGarvey, Donna Lavalley and Kim Pressley for contributions to this newsletter. The deadline for the December Newsletter is Friday November 26th. If you have material for the newsletter, you can e-mail it to Lion Dave Chervinsky, the editor/publisher: [grandislandiondave@gmail.com](mailto:grandislandiondave@gmail.com).

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