



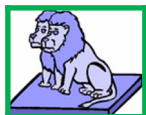
# The Grand Island Lion

October 2025

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## Upcoming Events:



Wednesday October 8th  
Lions General and BOD Meetings  
Guest: Lion Bill Weisbeck of Clarence Lions  
Howard Hanna Office 6:30PM



Wednesday October 22nd  
Lions Joint Meeting with Merrittons Lions  
Location Sandy Beach Yacht Club  
1851 Winter Road, GI NY 14072  
6:30PM



## President's Message



If you weren't at the September 17<sup>th</sup> meeting you missed out on some fun and Lions camaraderie. Past International Lions Director Bill Iannaccone shared some words of wisdom on Lionism and inducted our new member, Lion John Garcia. Please welcome John to our club.

We need meeting attendees to remember to bring items of food, personal care, cash, checks or Tops gift cards to benefit the GI Neighbors Foundation. Lion Annie Carlson has been present and will gladly collect all donations. Remember the holidays are getting closer and many of our neighbors would appreciate our assistance.

Our next meeting will be held at the Howard Hanna Office, 6:30pm on October 8<sup>th</sup> with Clarence, NY Lion Bill Weisbeck informing us of their playground project.

The membership contest will go on again this year with the Lion signing up the most members winning the pot of \$\$\$ and possibly other prizes. Those who wish to participate must pony up \$5.00. Get your sawbuck to Lion Danille, Lion Sarah or LP Tom by the end of September. Last year's winner, Lion Susan, will receive her prizes plus \$45.00 cash at the September 17<sup>th</sup> meeting. There is one caveat. Our club has more than one Tom, only one Dick but no Harry. Bring in a Harry, Harold or Harriet and you're an instant winner.

DEADLINE FOR ENTRY HAS BEEN EXTENDED! NO NEW JOINERS AFTER THE Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> MEETING!

We have ten members entered with the pot at \$50.00

Joint meeting with the Merritton Lions will be on October 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Sandy Beach Yacht Club. Be There!

Lion President Tom Rusert

**PID BILL IANNACONE VISITS GRAND ISLAND LIONS**

During his visit here to Buffalo for his high school's (Bennett) 100th Anniversary, PID Bill Iannaccone of the Walnut Creek (CA) Lions Club met with our club, of which his sister Lion Jenny Bagen is a member. He shared insights into his extensive and multifaceted work in eyesight preservation. He presented Lions President Tom Rusert and Tom Witkowski with Lions International President A.P. Singh's Certificate of Appreciation. Furthermore, he swore in our newest member, Erie County Sheriff John Garcia. DG Jeremy also joined us for a great night of fellowship!



(L-R) PID Bill Iannaccone, Lion John Garcia, and LP Tom Rusert.



(L-R) District Governor Jeremy Schnurr, PID Bill Iannaccone, Club President Tom Rusert and Lion Tom Witkowski.

## The Quotes of Steven Wright:



- 1 - I'd kill for a Nobel Peace Prize.
- 2 - Borrow money from pessimists – they don't expect it back.
- 3 - Half the people you know are below average.
- 4 - A conscience is what hurts when all your other parts feel so good.
- 5 - A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory.
- 6 - If you want the rainbow, you got to put up with the rain.
- 7 - All those who believe in psycho kinesis, raise my hand.
- 8 - The early bird may get the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese.
- 9 - I almost had a psychic girlfriend, ... But she left me before we met.
- 10 - OK, so what's the speed of dark?
- 11 - How do you tell when you're out of invisible ink?
- 12 - If everything seems to be going well, you have obviously overlooked something.
- 13 - Depression is merely anger without enthusiasm.
- 14 - Ambition is a poor excuse for not having enough sense to be lazy.
- 15 - Hard work pays off in the future; laziness pays off now.
- 16 - I intend to live forever... so far, so good.
- 17 - What happens if you get scared half to death twice?
- 18 - Why do psychics have to ask you for your name?
- 19 - If at first you don't succeed, destroy all evidence that you tried.
- 20 - A conclusion is the place where you got tired of thinking.
- 21 - Experience is something you don't get until just after you need it.
- 22 - The problem with the gene pool is that there is no life-guard.
- 23 - The sooner you fall behind, the more time you'll have to catch up.
- 24 - If at first you don't succeed, skydiving is not for you.
- 25 - If your car could travel at the speed of light, would your headlights work?

Submitted by Lion Dave

Do you have some humor for our Newsletter? Send it to my email below.

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.**



**Donations for the Neighbors Foundation are on the upswing so please continue to bring any of the listed items to our meetings or drop off Tops gift cards, food items and checks/cash to me and I will deliver to them. They are also in need of diapers, toiletries and personal care items.**

**Thank you, Lion Tom Rusert**



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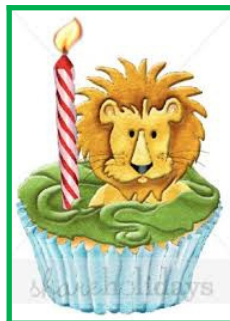
Lion Tom Rusert

Thanks to Lions Tom Rusert, Donna Lavalley, and Tom Witkowski, for contributions to this newsletter. The deadline for the November Newsletter is Friday October 24th. If you have material for the newsletter, you can e-mail it to Lion Dave Chervinsky, the editor/publisher at:

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Annie Carlson  
John Garcia