



# The Grand Island Lion

## October 2013

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### The split club is now \$128 and counting...

Lion Henry drew the four of clubs at our September 25th meeting.



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#### President' Message

We had a very good September. On the 11<sup>th</sup>, Lion Donna Lavallee talked about hearing loss and the variety of devices that can be used to compensate and talked a little about the non-profit company she works for.

On the 25<sup>th</sup>, Jim Catalano, executive director, of Excalibur showed a short film, gave a brief talk and answered our questions. The biggest surprise for me was learning that they take disabled/disadvantaged people to fish in the Excalibur. We presented Jim a check from the Lions to help this non-profit enterprise continue their excellent work.

The evening of Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> we gathered at the Miracle League field to support a special kids' ballgame. Many of the players came in wheelchairs. Some of us were "buddies" and some of us just cheered, while all had a good time!

October promises to be an equally fun month. On the 9<sup>th</sup>, the guys and (hopefully) gals of the Merritton Lions Club will visit us at the Knights. This is ALWAYS an entertaining evening. Prizes will be raffled off to help pay for the evening.

On the 23<sup>rd</sup>, Lynn Konovitz of the Grand Island Library will be our guest speaker and tell us about the latest happenings in the world of books and our Erie County Library system. Our club provides funds for buying large print books and Lynn may bring some to show us.

If you're not coming to the meetings, you're missing out on some great camaraderie. Hope to see you there.

Yours in service,  
Lion President Brooks

#### Upcoming events:

##### October:

##### Wednesday October 9th:

Lions General Joint Meeting with Merrittons Lions Club  
Grand Island KOC Hall  
Cocktails 6:30 Dinner 7PM

##### Saturday October 19th:

Vision Beyond Sight Board Meeting and Envelope stuffing.  
Olmstead Ctr. 9:30 AM  
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##### Wednesday October 23rd:

Lions General Meeting  
Buffalo Launch Club  
Cocktails 6:30 Dinner 7PM  
Speaker: Lynn Konovitz  
Topic Grand Island Library

Your attendance and your help are needed!

The Vision Beyond Sight Foundation, is requesting your attendance at two events on Saturday, October 19th. VBSF will be holding its' second biannual meeting between 10am and 11am with registration at 9:30am at the Olmsted Center for the Visually Impaired, located at 1170 Main Street in Buffalo. The meeting will consist of seeking delegates, alternates to the Foundation for determining how funds will be raised and allocated providing state-of-the-art equipment for the Lions Diagnostic Eye Center at the Ross Eye Institute in Buffalo, currently used by 231 Grand Island residents. The Lions of our district have provided over \$400,000 in equipment and technology to the LDEC. Dr. Lema is the REI's newest Retina Specialist and will present on Macular Degeneration and how imaging impacts the patient's care. The goal is to demonstrate the importance of the HRA/OCT which is the next technology we Lions will purchase. The HRA/OCT is an imaging device that looks much like the slit lamp we are familiar with when we have our eyes examined. The unique property of this technology is that can present in 3D, the structures of AND behind the retina...a truly amazing piece of cutting edge technology!



After the meeting, we will need Lions to stuff nearly 17,000 envelopes for the Foundation's first fundraiser via mailing. The more Lions and volunteers on hand, the faster the process. Refreshments will be served. So if you can't make it to the meeting, please attend the stuffing party beginning at 11am at the Olmsted Center. Park in the back of the building.

Lion Tom Witkowski

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Mark the date for a grand evening !

The evening of March 1st, 2014 will see the first gala to raise funds for the Vision Beyond Sight Foundation and what a night it promises to be. It will be a Mardi Gras theme currently titles "All Eyes Unmasked" although "Eye Ball" is being kicked around a lot. It will be held between 6 p.m. and 11 p.m. at Asbury Hall at Babeville, 341 Delaware, Buffalo. The popular Boys of Summer will be providing the entertainment. A live auction and silent auctions will be held. Ticket price is \$150.00 per person with a seating limit of 240 people... and the tickets are expected to fly as soon as they're available.

The Foundation respectfully requests gift basket donations of quality items. They could come from one club or a consortium of clubs. Currently Sabre packages, a puppy, reserved Ross Eye Institute parking, and spa packages are being obtained to name a few. The auctions will be an excellent compliment to the district clubs' fundraising efforts for new cutting edge equipment to diagnose and treat those whose eyesight is threatened. "The Ross", as it is now popularly known, has seen amazing growth and has been a tremendous success with four offices now available for clients. For more information on the Ross, go to <http://rosseye.com>.

Mark the date: Saturday, March 1st, 2014. Hope to see you there!

Together in service,  
The Vision Beyond Sight Foundation Inc.



On Saturday September 14th the Miracle League held "Lions night at the Miracle League field" where Lions joined in to help out with a baseball game. Lions and Lion family members came out to support Miracle League and served as "buddies" for the kids or just cheered and supported the event. Besides our Grand Island Lions, District 20N Governor Dan Dunn (far right) and Vice District Governor Mike Lawkowski (right) were on the field to help out.





During our September 25th Dinner Meeting at the Buffalo Launch Club,, Jim Catalano, executive director, of Excalibur showed a short film, gave a brief talk and answered our questions. Pictured above Lion President Brooks Rimes presented Jim with a check for five hundred dollars from our Lions Club.

Thanks to Lions Annette Boies-Lobl, Donna Lavallee, Anne Fahning, Tom Witkowski, and Brooks Rimes for contributions to this newsletter. The deadline for the November Newsletter is Thursday October 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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Favorite tee-shirt reads (funny if you're like Bill Nye):

1. Atom #1: I lost an electron! Atom #2: Are you positive?
2. If a glass is half full of water, the other half is air. The glass is full then, right?.
3. Pi to square root of -1: Get real! Square root of -1 to pi: Get rational!
4. If you're not part of the solution, then you're part of the precipitate.
5. If life gives you melons, you may be dyslexic.
6. Dear Algebra: Stop asking us to find your X; she's not coming back.
7. Zombies hate fast food.
8. Always give 100%, unless you're donating blood.
9. Spelling is difficult challenging hard.
10. 6 out of 7 dwarfs are not Happy.
11. You must have 11 protons, because your sodium cute.
12. 273.15°C is the coolest.
13. I may be crazy but at least I have each other.

Lion Tom W.

**Bon Ton Fundraiser: If each member would buy two books we could easily meet our goal. Please consider this. You can send a check for \$10 made out to Grand Island Lions Club, PO Box 71, Grand Island , NY 14072.**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Brian Grim  
 Annette Boies-Lobl