



# The Grand Island Lion

## July-August 2019

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### Upcoming Events:



**WE SERVE**

July 4th– Independence day Parade

July 17th – Special Kids Picnic at BLC

July 20– Members Picnic at the Fahning's Boat

Hello fellow Lions. The first thing I would like to say as the incoming Lion President is a sincere thank you to our immediate Past President Shelia for an outstanding job leading us through a successful year and very importantly all of the new members that joined this past year.

This is my second time as Lion President and I am looking forward to an exciting year. I do have a few goals one of which encourage all of us who have not yet served on a committee or have had a role on the board of directors, Lion Tamer, Tail Twister, Vice Presidents and President to consider saying yes when asked to take on these roles or be a part of a committee or manage a project.

This great club we call Grand Island Lions has had a long history of participation and it was one of the few clubs that had a history of never having a Lions Club President, repeat as President.

There are a lot of reasons why it happens and that is OK. But one of my goals is to see that trend start over again filling all of the positions of Lion Tamer, Tail Twister, 3rd VP, 2nd VP, 1st VP leading to Lions Club President with new faces, ideas and participation in the leadership of this – The Grand Island Lions Club. We have a lot of new members who I am confident have a lot of great ideas on how to make this an even better Club for the now and future. All of the members who have had these roles in the past or are currently serving in these roles are always ready to support the next person to take on that position.

Growing our membership is also an extremely important need for us to succeed as a Lions Club. During Lion President Shelia's term this Club was very successful in adding new members. A huge welcome to all of our new members. I can only hope that that trend can continue.

We do have a couple of immediate and important events coming up in July. First is the 4th of July Parade. It is a fun event and we get to show off our membership, our organization, to our community to our friends and families who will be lining the street. Some of whom may not know that you and I belong to this great organization until they see us in this parade. I'll be there and hope to see many of you as well.

Our biggest community service event of the year is coming up this month - The Special Children's Picnic July 17th. Of all of the things we do to serve our community this is my favorite. Hope to see you all there. I am looking forward to our 1st meeting of the year.

Respectfully

Lion President 2019-2020 - Paul



Lion Henry thank you for all your hard work in putting the Installation Dinner together. It was very well done. Thank you to all the members of the Board of Directors for all your dedicated service and your support. Thank you to all the Committee Chairs and Committee Members for all your hard work, dedication and support. Thank you to all the Club Members for your participation in the Club and for your support for our events and of course, thank you to all for your volunteerism.

Thank you Lion Dick for putting together our participation in the Lawn Mower Race on Father's Day. We successfully raised \$370.00 for Relay for Life. Thank you Lion Dave for the great job you do with the Newsletter and your relentless nagging for the President's Message each month.

Wishing Lion Paul Krupa a great year as our next President and congratulations to all that will be serving in 2019-2020.

Not above you, not below you but with you in Lionism.

Lion President Shelia ... Signing out







Lion Henry Lobl received The Robert J. Uplinger Distinguished Service Award at the Grand Island Lion Installation and Awards Dinner held on June 12th at The Radisson Inn. Established in 1993, the award honors outstanding Lions and non-Lions or organizations who perform exemplary service to a Club, District, or community. These honorees possess the highest examples of Lionistic character, ideals, purpose, and service. Pictured with Lobl from the left are past Uplinger winners, Lions Paul Bassette, Dave Chervinsky, Shelia Ferrentino.

Lion Dick Crawford presented the Melvin Jones Award to Calvin Vandermey, Calvin is Pastor at Bible Fellowship Center on Baseline Road and is recognized for his work in the community. He has reached out to people in need, plowing driveways, shoveling walkways and cutting grass, at no cost, as well as other community service acts. Pastor Calvin makes no distinction of parisoner or not, only that the person needs support. The Melvin Jones award is the Lions Club International Foundations highest honor and is given to a lion's member or citizen for outstanding humanitarian service.



Lion Dick Crawford, on behalf of the Lions, presented Tony Dragonette with a plaque for his annual support of our spaghetti dinner. Tony has been invaluable over the years helping the Lions in the kitchen of the Radisson and its previous managements.

Lion Tom Witkowski (Rt) and Lions District Governor Jeff Jarvis. presented a check of \$2000 to Molly Ehlenfield and Amanda Martinez for the Sidway Playground Project. Molly accepted the award on behalf of Sidway school. The donation by the Grand Island Lions of \$1000 was matched by a grant submitted to the Brandel Murphy Youth Foundation. The Foundation supports Lions projects in District 20, encompassing all of New York State and Bermuda.



Lion District 20 Governor Jeff Jarvis inducted three new members into the Grand Island Lions Club at their annual Installation and Awards Banquet held at the Radisson Inn Grand Island on Wednesday June 12th. Pictured during the ceremony, are from left: New member Kim Pressley, sponsor and Grandfather Bob Goulding, new member Tom Digati, sponsor Dick Crawford, New member Ashley Digati, and performing the ceremony, Lions District 20 Governor Jeff Jarvis.

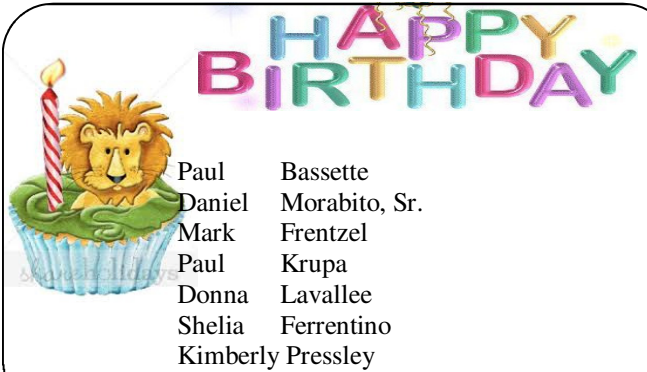




The Grand Island Lions were out in force to support the Relay for Life at the annual Lawn Mower Race held on Sunday June 16th. Lions sold hot dogs at the event and raised \$370 for the cause. Seen in the picture are from the left, Lions Tom Witkowski, Kelly McGarvey, Dick Crawford, and Shelia Ferrentino. Not shown helping out were Lions Donna Lavalley, Paul Bassette, Henry Lobl, Annette Boies-Lobl, and Tom Digati.



**Neighbors Foundation Project**  
**Tom Rusert will continue to be the**  
**Lion member for this project.**  
**He recently delivered 150 lbs. of non-**  
**perishable food to the food pantry.**



**50/50**



**Lion Paul Bassette**  
**Picked a silver nugget at**  
**our May 22nd meeting....**

The Split Club sticks have been replaced with poker chips with club members names on it. The deck of cards has also been replaced by a much sweeter treat: Hershey Nuggets! 52 Nuggets in all, 48 wrapped in silver, 4 in gold. Pick a gold one and whatever the pot is at, you win the nugget and the cash! Pick a silver and at least you have something that tastes good - everybody knows chocolate soothes you!

Lion Tom Witkowski

Thanks to Lions Shelia Ferrentino, Donna Lavalley, Paul Krupa, Kelly McGarvey, and Annette Lobl for contributions to this newsletter. The deadline for the September Newsletter is Thursday August 29th. If you have material for the newsletter, you can e-mail it to Lion Dave Chervinsky, the editor/publisher, at: [grandislandliodave@gmail.com](mailto:grandislandliodave@gmail.com).

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