



The Grand Island Lion

April 2008



Meetings for April:

General Meeting April 9th

Holiday Inn

Cocktails 6:30 Dinner 7:00PM

Program: Ready for Spaghetti ?!!!!



General Meeting April 23rd

Cocktails 6:30 Dinner 7PM

Buffalo Launch Club

Program: Gliding Stars Elizabeth O'Donnell President.

Board Meeting: TBA

Upcoming Events:



April 12th: Cabinet Meeting 10AM
Chautauqua Institute

April 14th: Lions Spaghetti Dinner 5-8PM. Holiday Inn

April 19th: Walk for Sight 10-11AM registration. 11AM the walk begins at the Amherst Pepsi center.

April 26th: MTI Photoscreening at GIHS/MS Ransom Rd. 11AM-3PM

Dear Fellow Lions,

39th Annual Spaghetti Dinner Monday April 14th 5 – 8pm Holiday Inn Ballroom



- ◆ Our club's major fundraiser for the Special Kids Picnic (Wednesday July 16th) and the many other organizations we donate to.
- ◆ The club needs your participation and help by inviting your family, friends and neighbors to the dinner.
- ◆ Please do your best to sell the enclosed tickets. If you need more, contact Lion Dick Crawford – 818-6992.

Remember our motto "We Serve".

Lion Dick Crawford

Dear Lions,

We have an exciting opportunity to serve our community! Carol Jones, Director of Pupil Services, and Maureen Lewis, PTSA President, have invited us to perform MTI Photoscreening at the Grand Island Central School District Health and Wellness Expo at the GIHS/MS complex on Ransom Road on Saturday, April 26 between 11 am and 3 pm. Shaun Quinn, GIHS Health and Physical Education teacher will set up the room that we will need to do the photoscreening. The film and cameras will be provided us under a \$200,000 grant from Lion Club International Foundation (LCIF) obtained by our multiple for this purpose. All we need to do is get the word out. And that is where you come in! A news article regarding our sight efforts is in the works and will be released shortly before the Expo. It will explain Campaign SightFirst II, Sight Night and our photoscreening efforts. We need your input to make this a fun event for the children who will be attending. At our next meeting, I will explain in more detail what the screening is all about and will provide some astounding numbers and facts about the effects of photoscreening and what it means to us, not only as Lions, but as health care consumers and taxpayers. Make it a point to volunteer, share the "Lions experience" with Expo visitors, come up with ideas the kids will enjoy, and make an impact in our quest to end preventable vision loss.

Sincerely yours,
Lion Tom Witkowski



Grand Island and Merritton Lions enjoying the joint meeting in Merritton ON. on March 12th.

Lions,

The next Cabinet Meeting is April 12th at the Chautauqua Institute. Please contact me (773-3465) by April 2nd. If you are planning to attend. There will be car-pooling at the Blockbuster parking lot at 8:15AM. The meeting includes lunch and will begin at 10AM.

Lion Diane Dubiel

Lion Bob Goulding reported that the Riverside Lions Club is sending protective eyewear to our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. These glasses are sent in small lots through family and friends in our community. Lion Bob reported that 13% of injuries in these battle zones involve eyesight. If you would like more information about this project contact Lion Bob at 775-0254 (evenings).

Dear Grand Island Lions: Nominating committee Chairman Lion Paul Bassette read the slate of officers for the 2008-09 year at our General Membership meeting of March 26, 2008. The Club accepted the slate and there were no additional nominations from the floor. If there are no further nominations from the club, this slate of officers will be voted on at the next General Meeting of April 9th, 2008. If there are further nominations for any positions, there will be an election held at this meeting.

GRAND ISLAND LIONS CLUB DISTRICT 20N PROPOSED OFFICERS & DIRECTORS 2008-2009

PRESIDENT	LION DIANE DUBIEL
FIRST VICE PRESIDENT	LION HENRY LOBL
SECOND VICE PRESIDENT	LION DAVE CHERVINSKY
THIRD VICE PRESIDENT	LION ANNE FAHNING
TREASURER	LION AL ACKERMAN
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY	LION KATHIE NORRIS
RECORDING SECRETARY (CO-CHAIRS)	LION ANNETTE LOBL
	LION KATHIE NORRIS
	LION PAUL BASSETTE
TAIL TWISTER	LION BILL WIND
LION TAMER	LION DAVE PELOSI
DIRECTOR- TWO YEARS	LION DONNA LAVALLEE
DIRECTOR- TWO YEARS	LION NORM HAHN
DIRECTOR- ONE YEAR	LION JERRY DUBIEL
DIRECTOR- ONE YEAR	LION JOHN MACNEIL
MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN	LION TOM RUSERT
IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT	LION SHELIA FERRENTINO



Colby Smith was inducted into Our Club at the Buffalo Launch Club on March 26th. Performing the ceremony is Lion Dick Crawford while Lion Colby's sponsor Lion Paul Bassette looks on.

Hello Lions!

It has come my attention that links to the forms for our Walk For Sight were not available. That problem has now been corrected by our Wonderful Web Wizard, Lion Len Thorton.


The links will connect you to our poster that you can print out and display at work, any community billboard you know of, or to pass out to your family and friends. There's a link to the registration and sponsorship forms so you can avoid the rush on April 19. Also, you, your employer, your company, or your club can be a sponsor of the Walk. Of course there is a donor form to enter all the names of people you know who also, like you, want to share the vision of a world where we have put an end to preventable blindness. A link to a parental permission form is available for children under 18 who will be chaperoned. And last is a map of the walk route. Remember, you do not have to walk the total distance. But, you will definitely save someone's sight that day! All monies will benefit Campaign SightFirst II, which is now officially in the Vision For All phase of our worldwide \$200 million fundraising effort. Our district's website is www.district20nlions.org.

Will you be there on April 19th? I have asked Mother Nature and her Boss for a warm 70-degree day without rain just like last year!

Any other questions? Email me or give me a call at 773-4437. I'd be happy to help you be a part of it.

Sincerely yours in service,
Lion Tom Witkowski
Chairman

P.S. We have exciting news about the Journey For Sight that returns next year. Please attend the Cabinet Meeting in Chautauqua on April 12 or check the May issue of the Governor's Newsletter online or in your mail for more news about it.



Dan was a single guy living at home with his father and working in the family business. When he found out he was going to inherit a fortune when his sickly father died, he decided he needed a wife with which to share his fortune. One evening at an investment meeting he spotted the most beautiful woman he had ever seen. Her natural beauty took his breath away. "I may look like just an ordinary man," he said to her, "but in just a few years, my father will die, and I'll inherit 20 million dollars." Impressed, the woman obtained his business card and three days later, she became his step-mother.

Women are so much better at estate planning than men.

Lion Tom Witkowski

Send your jokes to Lion Dave: dschervin@yahoo.com

Thanks to Lions Dave Chervinsky, Henry and Annette Lobl, Anne Fahning, Dick Crawford, Tom Witkowski, and Diane Dubiel all of whom contributed to this newsletter. The deadline for the May Newsletter is Wednesday April 30th. If you have material for the newsletter, or our web site, you can e-mail it to Dave Chervinsky, the editor/publisher, at dschervin@yahoo.com Please visit our web site: www.gilions.com

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