



The Grand Island Lion

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WE SERVE

Upcoming events:

General Membership Meeting

Wednesday April 13th
Buffalo Launch Club

Cocktails 6:30 Dinner 7:00

Speaker: Thomas J. Rusert -
Customs Agent

General Membership Meeting

Wednesday April 27th

Cocktails 6:30 Dinner 7:00

Speaker: Andrea Gregory -
Ride for Roswell

Board Meeting to follow

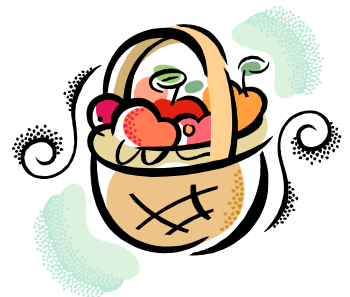
Spaghetti Dinner
Monday, April 11th, 5 to 8 pm
Grand Island, Holiday Inn



Basket Donations Needed

Hello Lions,

It's time again for our Spaghetti Dinner and Basket Auction. Please consider donating a basket or an item I can add to a basket. This has been a fun and effective fundraiser for the Club. I'll be completing the baskets around April 8,9, and 10th. Thanks in advance for your generosity.



Lion Anne
440-0841

As President of the Grand Island Lions Club, I would like to convey a heartfelt Thank You from Our Club, and from Miracle League of Grand Island and WNY, to all who made the Miracle League Corporate Dinner a huge success. In particular, thank you to our corporate sponsors, Lockport Medical, Mount St Mary's Hospital, Niagara Power Baseball and Franks Plumbing who stepped up to the plate for this event. Also thanks goes out to all the individuals who attended, or bought recognition "plaques" on the Miracle League wall. While our Lions Club hosted the event, Miracle League did most of the groundwork putting this together. Over \$16,000 was raised for the Miracle League baseball field for disabled children.

I would like to give a little history as to why our Lions Club Organization is supporting this endeavor. In addition to helping the blind and multiple "sight" projects, we do other things for the betterment of our community. In particular, Our Grand Island Lions Club has a long history of helping disadvantaged children, holding the "Special Kids Picnic" every July for over fifty years. Every year we host over one thousand children with disabilities from our Western New York region to boat rides, pony rides, face painting, hot dogs, Hamburgers and a lot of entertainment. Helping Miracle League is an extension of our commitment to making the lives of handicapped children a little bit better.

We are grateful to Miracle League for embracing our offer to help them with the Miracle League baseball field. As most everyone knows the Lions Club is an International organization and we have recruited help for this project on every level. Locally the Amherst Lions and the Lancaster Lions have joined us to help Miracle League and these clubs are doing fundraising of their own for this project. We expect other clubs will join us as this is not just a Grand Island Project. We have contacted our District 20N and have submitted grants for matching funds not only from the District but from the Lions Clubs International Foundation. It is our fondest hope that our collective Lions efforts will put Miracle League over the top of their goal to raise the \$250,000 necessary to break ground this spring and have a field ready for baseball this season.

Dave Chervinsky
President, Grand Island Lions Club



On March 12th at the Buffalo Launch Club the Grand Island Lions Club hosted a Corporate Dinner to benefit Miracle League of Grand Island and Western New York. Over \$16,000 was raised to benefit construction of the Miracle League Baseball Field for disabled children with special needs.

Teresa Hooper, President of Miracle League, receives a check from Dave Chervinsky, President of the Grand Island Lions; While Lions Club Treasurer Dick Crawford looks on.

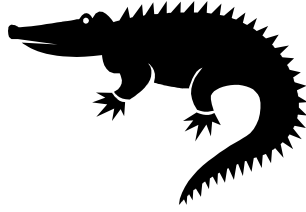


Lion Gary Tucker, Chief Operating Officer of Saint Mary's Hospital, presents a check from St. Mary's in the amount of \$1000 to Grand Island Lion Vice President Anne Fahning. Lion Mike Steinagel, Lions Club Liaison to Miracle League of Grand Island and WNY looks on. Saint Mary's Hospital was one of many businesses who participated to make the Miracle League Corporate Dinner a huge success.

The Miracle League Corporate Dinner was hosted by the Grand Island Lions Club and was held at the Buffalo Launch Club on March 12th. Proceeds from the event are being used to build a modified baseball field on Grand Island to accommodate disabled children. It is hoped that funding will soon be completed in order for construction to begin this spring.

Merritton Lions Bowling Tournament—March 20th





While sports fishing off the Florida coast, a tourist capsized his boat. He could swim, but his fear of alligators kept him clinging to the overturned craft. Spotting an old beachcomber standing on the shore, the tourist shouted, "Are there any gators around here?!"

"Naw," the man hollered back, "they ain't been around for years!"

"Feeling safe, the tourist started swimming leisurely toward the shore.

About halfway there he asked the guy, "How'd you get rid of the gators?"

"We didn't do nothin'," the beachcomber said.

"The sharks got 'em."



Thanks to Lions Dave Chervinsky, Anne Fahning, Donna Lavallee and Annette Lobl for contributions to this newsletter.

The deadline for the May Newsletter is Monday, April 28th. If you have material for the newsletter, you can e-mail it to Lion Brooks Rimes, the editor/publisher, at brooks@rimesrv.net.

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