



The Grand Island Lion

April 2013

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WE SERVE

Upcoming events:

April:

**Wednesday April 10th:
Lions General Meeting**

**Cocktails 6:30 Dinner 7PM
Program:**



**Monday April 22nd:
44th annual Grand Island Lions
Spaghetti Dinner.
G.I. Holiday Inn
5-8PM**

**Wednesday April 24th
Lions General Meeting
Buffalo Launch Club
Cocktails 6:30 Dinner 7PM**

BOD Meeting: TBA



Lion Dick Crawford and I had the distinct pleasure of joining with the Zonta and Rotary for the second service club dinner meeting at the Buffalo Launch Club last week. A lot of history and service projects were shared, along with each other's upcoming fundraisers. The single most enjoyable aspect taken from the meeting is an increased collaboration with each other on a quarterly basis. Our club's contribution to that will be a proposed unified financial need criteria when individuals come to us or our fellow service clubs seeking financial help and in some cases volunteering to help alleviate quality of life issues. After contacting the Lions International legal division, the International suggested an article involving our findings and guidelines be published in order to help clubs throughout the world establish similar procedures to increase our financial viability and to ensure we are doing due diligence with the funds our donors have entrusted us with. Our first meeting in April will have a Social Services representative help us in getting the ball rolling. Fellow service club representatives will be invited to add their input to this program that will have far-reaching benefits to other organizations throughout our country and beyond.

Lions, we have clearly embarked on a new course in our history and I wish to thank you for your support and your ongoing suggestions, critiques, and recommendations. It is very refreshing to learn from each of you how you feel about where our club is headed. That being said, it is incumbent of all of us to search out new talent that our club needs to progress into the future. It is not an easy time for most clubs, Lions included, but our diligence in this regard will serve us and our community well into the future. Learn of a prospect's "hot buttons" and encourage them to come to a meeting and discuss them with us. Let us keep an open mind to what they have to say and not as a potential number to increase our roster. Engaging members, even our "minnows", in productive and meaningful projects and fundraisers is an absolute key to our success.

Please contact me if you have any questions, criticisms, and suggestions. You will have an eager ear ready to listen and an equally eager mind to dialogue with you.

Sincerely yours in service,
Your Lion President Tom

My fellow Lions, once again I am asking for your support for our Spaghetti Dinner Basket Auction. Please try to put together a basket to add to the auction. If you email me to say what it contains I will have a label ready at the dinner. You can drop it to me ahead of time or bring it to the Holiday Inn anytime the day of the dinner, April 22nd. Thanks in advance for your help in making this the best one yet! Yours in service. -Lion Anne

**Member Highlight- April, 2013**

Anne Fahning entered Lionism in November ,1999. She has held a Director position for intermittently for 10 years. She handled PR for the club in 2002-2004 and continues to be an active member of that committee. She accepted the position of Vice-President from 2008-2010 assuming the role of President in 2011. She has been Chair of the Basket fundraiser at the Spaghetti Dinner for 10 years. Anne has been an active member of the finance committee. She has been Chair of the Boat Captains for the SKP for two years. She has sold Bon Ton books and acted as a sub for MOW. She readily volunteers to help with any project. She was the recipient of the Robert Uplinger Award in 2011. Anne is a great example of combining a demanding full time position with maximum involvement in Lionism.

South Buffalo-Lackawanna Lion Judy Winnert is seeking donations of items for the bags handed out to every one attending our state convention in May. You, or someone you know, can donate items to be inserted in the goodie bags. Items such as pens, pencils, notepads, key chains, and any other items of interest would be great. If you can supply 10 or more, it would be most helpful. There was no timeline stated but we should have all these things submitted by mid-April. So, if you can, bring them to any one of our meetings and I will bring them all to Lion Judy before then.

Thanks in advance for your consideration!

Lion President Tom

The local news station was interviewing an 80-year-old lady because she had just gotten married for the fourth time. The interviewer asked her questions about her life, about what it felt like to be marrying again at 80, and then about her new husband's occupation. "He's a funeral director," she answered.

"Interesting," the newsman thought...

He then asked her if she wouldn't mind telling him a little about her first three husbands and what they did for a living. She paused for a few moments, needing time to reflect on all those years. After a short time, a smile came to her face and she answered proudly, explaining that she had first married a banker when she was in her 20's, then a circus ringmaster when in her 40's, and a preacher when in her 60's, and now - in her 80's - a funeral director.

The interviewer looked at her, quite astonished, and asked why she had married four men with such diverse careers.

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She smiled and explained,

"I married one for the money, two for the show, three to get ready, and four to go."

Lion Paul

Thanks to Lions Tom Witkowski, Donna Lavalley, Paul Bassette, and Annette Lobl for contributions to this newsletter. The deadline for the May Newsletter is Sunday April 28th. 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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