



The Grand Island Lion

April 2015

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Split Club Jackpot is \$50

Lion Tom Witkowski drew the seven of diamonds at our last meeting.

Upcoming events:

Wednesday April 8th

GI Lions Joint Merritton Meeting
Merritton Clubhouse
Merritton ON.
Cocktails 6:00PM Dinner
6:30PM

Wednesday April 22nd

BOD Meeting
Time and place TBA

Monday April 27th

**Grand Island Lions
Spaghetti Dinner
G I High School 5-8PM**

Sunshine



Our condolences and prayers go out to Judy and Paul Bassette on the loss of Judy's Mother and to Marlene DeCarlo on the loss of Husband Tom. Lion Tom was a long time member of our club and he will be sorely missed.

Dear Fellow Lions,

Even though it doesn't look like it, spring is in the air! April will be a busy month. I would like to first acknowledge the passing of Lion Tom Decarlo. Lion Tom was a very dedicated member of our club, even when he no longer lived on Grand Island he would come and participate as much as possible. He was welcoming to me as a new member and was part of the magic in the spaghetti sauce as he worked beside Lion Dan in the kitchen for the past 25 years. Fly high Lion Tom you certainly earned your wings! You surely will be missed!



April 8th will be our joint meeting with the Merritton Lions up in Merritton. We will meet by Mighty Taco and car pool up at 5:30 PM. It is always a fun time. Come join us as we toast the Queen, the President of the USA and Lion Tom! We also need to begin preparing for the Spaghetti Dinner on 4/27. A change in venue this year brings the dinner to the High School. We can not get into the kitchen until around 2 PM so we need as many people there at that time as possible to set up. The dinner runs from 5-8 PM. As you know the basket raffle brings in a lot of revenue, if you know of any GI business that could donate please ask and let Lion Anne know. Desserts are needed as well. We will have lawn signs made this year and a flyer. When we post the flyer on our facebook page it always helps to share this on your page if you do social media. I am looking forward to welcoming our snow birds

Judy and I would like to thank the Lions Club and all the personal sympathy cards that were sent by members to us at this grieving time. Your support, prayers and caring concern have helped, especially Judy after her mother died on March 11. The Lions pride are family.

Lion Paul Bassette

Spaghetti Dinner

To benefit the
Grand Island
Lions Club.



Come and enjoy Spaghetti with meatballs, salad, Italian bread, and beverages. Many deserts will be available. There will be a basket auction with dozens of baskets along with a door prize and 50/50 split.

When Monday April 27th 2015 from 5 PM to 8 PM

Where Grand Island High School Cafeteria
1100 Ransom Road, Grand Island NY 14072

Tickets \$8 Adults, \$5 Children under 12.

Purpose *All proceeds are used to fund the Grand Island Lions "Special Kids Picnic" held on the third Wednesday in July at the Buffalo Launch Club.*



We Serve





Grand Island President Donna Lavallee reported that Lions Paul Bassette and Tom Witkowski assisted Town of Niagara Lion Paul Peters in screening children over a two day period at the Grand Island Cooperative Nursery School. More screenings at local schools are in preparation. Students, given sunglasses after testing, are shown above with Lions Peters (Lt) and Bassette.



Lion Bob Goulding presented our Club with a stuffed Grand Island mosquito that one of his Riverside Club members encountered in their travels across Grand Island last year after being "besieged" by a swarm of mosquitoes. After catching one, the member thought it would be nice to seek a taxidermist and present it our club.

Thanks to Lions Donna Lavallee, Tom Witkowski, and Paul Bassette for contributions to this newsletter. The deadline for the May Newsletter is Thursday April 30th. If you have material for the newsletter, you can e-mail it to Lion Dave Chervinsky, the editor/publisher, at:

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