



The Grand Island Lion

April 2016

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Split Club Jackpot is \$117.00

Pendleton Lion Bob Mau selected Lion Tom Witkowski for the split club at our last meeting. He drew the queen of clubs. The Lion who draws the ace of hearts will win the pot.

Hello GI Lions,

An increase in attendance at our March 23rd meeting proves that Spring is here. Speaking of members thanks to Lion Anne and her guest Pendleton Lion Brian Mau as they shared photos and stories of their recent trip to Nicaragua, a truly unselfish commitment of one's time and effort. If anyone is interested in next year's trip Lion Ann will gladly provide details.



April means it's Spaghetti dinner time. The dinner is from 5pm to 8pm Monday April 18th with setup at Byblos possibly on Sunday April 17th. Everyone will be notified when setup will take place. All members need to help in any way possible, as this is our major fundraiser for the Kid's Picnic.

April meetings are the 13th (location TBA) and the 27th with our sister club Merritton Lion's at their clubhouse in St. Catherine's, Ontario. Please attend and contribute to all functions in April. No excuses!

Happy Spring,
Lion President Tom

Upcoming Events:



Wednesday April 13th **WE SERVE**
General and BOD Meeting

Location TBA
Cocktails 6:30 Dinner 7PM
Program: TBA

Monday April 18th
GI Lions Spaghetti Dinner
Byblos Niagara Resort
5PM to 8PM

Wednesday April 27th
Joint Meeting with our Merrittons
Sister Club.
Merritton Lions Clubhouse
Merritton, ON
Cocktails 6:00 Dinner 6:30PM

Sunshine:



Condolences to Lion Bob Christmann on the loss of his Mother.

The Grand Island Lions Family join Lion Jerry Dubiel and his Family and Mourn the loss of Lion Diane Dubiel.





Lion Anne Fahning recently returned from the “Hopeful Ways” Medical Mission in Nicaragua and along with Pendleton Lion Brian Mau spoke to our club of their experiences at our March 23rd meeting.



PO Box 1037
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www.HopefulWays.org

2016 Nicaragua Eye Care Mission Juigalpa, Chontales, Nicaragua

Program Goals

- Provide quality and free eye care services to the poor in Nicaragua.
- Through a series of projects, establish sustainable Eye Care Clinic to deliver free services after the medical brigade returns to the USA.
- Build relationships between Nicaragua Lions Clubs and Lions in the USA.

Project Support

- Lions Club International Foundation Grant (LCIF)
- District 20-N Lions Clubs
- Corporate sponsors: Alcon, Allergan, Reichert

Medical Brigade

- 31 USA & Canada Brigade Members (+4 Nicaraguan Eye Care Professionals)
- 3 Ophthalmologists (2 Nicaraguan)
- 4 Optometrists (1 Nicaraguan)
- 4 Opticians (1 Nicaragua)
- 8 Registered Nurses
- 16 Non-medical Volunteers (including 8 USA Lions)

Patient Eye Care

- 2720 Patients treated
- 2701 Vision screening
- 665 Optometrist examinations
- 1620 Auto-refractions
- 2068 Eyeglasses dispensed
- 2588 Sunglasses dispensed
- 160 Safety glasses dispensed
- 2323 Eye drops dispensed

Surgery

Surgical Condition	Candidates Identified	Surgeries Performed
• Total Evaluated	• 134	• 40
• Cataract	• 77	• 21
• Strabismus	• 2	• 1
• Pterygium	• 18	• 18
• Other Conditions	• 12	• 0
• Non-Surgical	• 25	• 0

Hopeful Ways Cont.

Sustainability Free Eye Care Services

Goal: The Hopeful Ways Eye Care Mission promotes establishment of sustainable free eye care services to the Nicaraguan poor with minimal to no support from outside Nicaragua.

- Established a fully functioning Juigalpa Lions Ophthalmic Clinic
 - Hopeful Ways
 - Loaned full slate of ophthalmic instruments to outfit Clinic.
 - Train Juigalpa Lions on auto-refractor and at appropriate brigade stations
 - Juigalpa Lions Club
 - Organize Nicaraguan Lions, community volunteers and eye care professional volunteers in a mini-brigade to provide free eye care services to the Nicaraguan poor.
 - Register a limited number of patients to receive free services.
 - Coordinate execution of mini-brigade
 - FONIPRECE
 - Agreed to participate in a Juigalpa Lions mini-brigade eye care project by providing an optometrist and optician as volunteers.
- Established a coalition to deliver free eye care surgeries to the poor in Nicaragua.
 - Hopeful Ways
 - Organize eye care missions to Juigalpa
 - Identify surgical candidates for Juigalpa Hospital and FONIPRECE
 - Raise funds to cover surgical expenses incurred by FONIPRECE
 - Juigalpa Lions Club
 - Support Hopeful Ways Mission projects to Juigalpa.
 - Coordinate patients at Juigalpa Lions Ophthalmic Clinic for surgical evaluation by FONIPRECE and Juigalpa Hospital doctors
 - Coordinate patients scheduled for surgery at FONIPRECE
 - Organize a small eye care mini-brigade without a USA-based medical brigade present by using Nicaraguan Lion and doctor volunteers.
 - FONIPRECE Non-profit Eye Surgery Clinic
 - Evaluate surgical candidates identified by brigade projects
 - Provide major surgeries (cataracts, strabismus) at a significantly reduced costs.
 - Juigalpa Hospital
 - Evaluate surgical candidates identified by brigade projects
 - Provide free minor eye surgeries (pterygium, etc.)

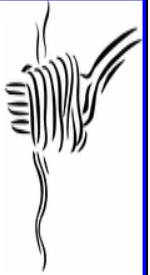
Goodwill Activities

- Hopeful Ways donated medications and surgical supplies from excess inventories to Juigalpa Hospital and FONIPRECE Clinic.
- Established a cooperative relationship between the Hopeful Ways neonatal intensive care nurse (NICU) and the Juigalpa Hospital neonatal unit to exchange information and improve care for premature birth babies and breast feeding mothers.
- A brigade volunteer donated baseball equipment to a Juigalpa baseball team.
- All children entering the clinic received a small toy to comfort them and keep them entertained during their long wait for clinic services.
- Sunglasses and toys remaining at the end of the project were distributed to the very poor living in a roadside rural community.

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 18th 2016 from 5 PM to 8 PM

Where Byblos Niagara Resort and Spa,
100 Whitehaven Rd,
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



March eyeglass collection:

203 glasses were collected and sent to Walmart pickup center for distribution.

99 sunglasses and cases were sent locally to St Christopher (formally St Edmonds) in Tonawanda.

There are now 11 collection sites for eyeglass donation including the Tonawanda Golden Age Center.

Lion Bob Goulding

Buffalo News Kids Day is Tuesday April 26th. Please let Anne know if you can help. 440-0841. You can meet either at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Whitehaven at 5:30 for coffee and donuts or at the intersection of Grand Island Blvd and Long Rd at 6 a.m. We sell the newspapers until about 9 am, but even if you can cover part of that time, it will be much appreciated.
Lion Anne

Barker Lions Club is hosting the Lions Night at the Races at the Ransomville Speedway August 5th. This will be a fun filled evening for all ages at a value price. VIP seating is limited – first come first serve.

Hope to see everyone there.

Lion Past President Kent Wakefield

Lion Past President Scott Ecker

Spaghetti dinner Bake Sale- Reminder to bring baked goods to Byblos the day of the dinner Monday, April 18. thanks to all for helping with this endeavor.

Lion Annette Lobl.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Anne E. Fahning
Patrick Patterson

Thanks to Lions Tom Rusert, Dick Crawford, Tom Witkowski, Annette Boies-Lobl, Donna Lavalley, Bob Goulding and Anne Fahning for contributions to this newsletter. The deadline for the May Newsletter is Saturday April 30th. If you have material for the newsletter, you can e-mail it to Lion Dave Chervinsky, the editor/publisher, at:

grandislandiodave@gmail.com.

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**WELCOME TO THE 4th. CABINET MEETING
SUB-DISTRICT CONFERENCE**

APRIL 16, 2016

Registration 9 am – 10 am Meeting 10 am – 12:30 pm

Our Guest Speaker will be
International Director Lion Lewis Quinn

Voting for changes in Constitution/By-Laws
will be held at this meeting.

**BANCHETTI'S BANQUET CENTER - ROSE ROOM
550 NORTH FRENCH RD. AMHERST, NY 14228**

\$20.00 - Buffet Luncheon

Payment may be made at the door
BUT -- Please make your reservation by APRIL 7, 2016

RESERVATION & PRE-PAYMENT TO:
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21 Addison Ave., Amherst, NY 14226

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