



# The Grand Island Lion

April 2018

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## Upcoming Events:



**Wednesday April 11th**  
Location Radisson Inn  
Program: Anne Fahning  
Assessment Review

**Wednesday April 25th**  
GI/Merritton Joint Meeting  
Merritton Community Centre  
**Cocktails 6PM Dinner 6:30PM**

**Wednesday May 9th**  
Location Radisson Inn

**Wednesday May 23rd**  
Location BLC

**Wednesday June 13th**  
Installation Dinner  
Location BLC

Spring at last. I am looking forward to the return of the rest of the snow birds. At our sole meeting in March Councilwoman Beverly Kinney presented the efforts to exercise the use of Solar Energy on Grand Island. Meetings for April include a presentation by Lion Anne on the Assessment Review Process. { April 11 at the Radisson Inn). On April 25 we will travel to the Merritton Club for a joint meeting with our sister club. I would like to see a good attendance at this meeting as the Merritton Lions are always supportive of our activities. I am particularly pleased with close to \$100 received from bottle returns. Lion Tom Rusert continues to coordinate these efforts. Lion Dick Crawford is being recognized as Citizen of the Year by the Chamber. This honor is richly deserved. Congratulations Dick!. Please remember to donate an item for the basket raffle for the spaghetti dinner on April 23 at the Radisson. Set-up help is needed on Sunday April 22 at 3 pm. Help is always needed Monday am. Annette will be making phone calls to members for baked goods. Baked items can be dropped off at the Radisson on Monday. I would like to thank all Lions for their continued support.



LP Henry Lobl

Just 17 cards left...



You'll win US\$!


Will April 11th be your lucky day?

**50/50**


*How'dja like your wallet to look like this after our next meeting? It could you know, if you pick the Ace of Hearts!*

*The pot is now at*  
**\$244!!**





**Join us in the fight against diabetes.**




**Strides... LIONS FOR DIABETES AWARENESS:**  
You can help make a big difference. Join us!

**Strides Diabetes Awareness & 5K Run/Walk**  
**April 29, 2018**

Activities Start at 10:00 AM and ends at 5:00 PM  
5K Run Starts at 1:00 PM and Registration at 11:30 AM  
Lewiston Firehall #1, 145 North 6th St. Lewiston, NY 14092

**Lions Clubs International**  
Lewiston Community Lions Club  
[www.LewistonCommunityLions.org](http://www.LewistonCommunityLions.org)  
<http://StridesLI.com/race>  
Lynn 716-807-2409  
[TheLewistonCommunityLions@gmail.com](mailto:TheLewistonCommunityLions@gmail.com)

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**Participant Registration Form**

**Strides Diabetes Awareness & 5k Run/Walk**  
April 29, 2018  
Lewiston Fire Hall #1, 145 North 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Lewiston, NY 14092

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Fee is \$25.00/\$35.00 After 4/1/2018  
Fee includes Goodie Bag and Post Race Snacks  
Pre-Registered Participants receive 1 tee-shirt

Mail Registration Application and Check to:  
Lewiston Community Lions Club  
PO Box 249  
Lewiston, NY 14092  
716-807-2409

Join us in promoting healthy lifestyle choices. Lewiston Community Lions presents Strides Diabetes Awareness and 5K Run/Walk. There will be activities for the whole family that show how simple lifestyle changes can improve your health!

**Join us for:**

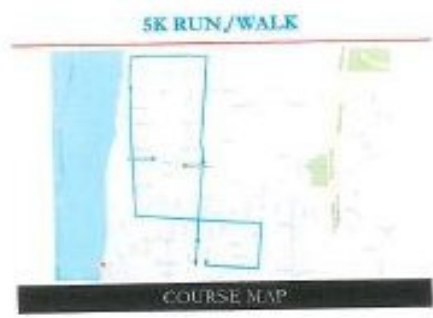
- Yoga & Meditation demonstrations
- Music
- Diabetes screenings
- Eye screening
- Audio visual presentations
- Healthy Food and Juices for sale to general public
- Free snacks for registered runners and walkers
- Amazing basket raffles & 50/50

**HELP US GET THE WORD OUT!**

<http://Strider5K.itpsurace.com>  
[www.LewistonCommunityLions.org](http://www.LewistonCommunityLions.org)  
[www.cxfundm.com/LewistonLions5KRun](http://www.cxfundm.com/LewistonLions5KRun)

For further questions call:

Lion Lynn 716-807-2409  
Email: [TheLewistonCommunityLions@gmail.com](mailto:TheLewistonCommunityLions@gmail.com)



Please join us on **Sunday April 29, 2018** at 10:00 AM in historic Lewiston, New York for the Strides Diabetes Awareness and 5K Run/Walk! The event is being brought to you by the Lewiston Community Lion's Club and proceeds from the race will be used to send children with Type 1 Diabetes to Camp Badger (a camp for children with diabetes).

Join us inside Lewiston Fire Hall #1 beginning at 10:00am for a variety of wellness activities and stations related to diabetes awareness and screening, health and nutrition, and advice from medical professionals. The wellness event is free to the general public!

Lewiston Fire Co. #1  
145 North 6th Street  
Lewiston, NY 14092

**LEWISTON COMMUNITY LIONS**  
**Strides Diabetes Awareness & 5K Run/Walk**

RUN \* WALK \* LEARN \* SUPPORT

**APRIL 29, 2018**

REGISTRATION FORM INCLUDED



POWERFUL \* FOCUSED \* COMMITTED



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| <br><b>We Serve</b> | <h1>Spaghetti Dinner</h1> <p>To benefit the Grand Island Lions Club.</p>                    |
| <h2>When</h2>  | <p><b>Monday April 23rd 2018</b><br/> <b>from 5 PM to 8 PM</b></p>                          |
| <h2>Where</h2>   | <p><b>Radisson Inn</b><br/> <b>100 Whitehaven Rd.</b><br/> <b>Grand Island NY 14072</b></p> |
| <h2>Tickets</h2>   | <p><b>\$8 Adults, \$5 Children</b></p>  |

The Basket Raffle for the Spaghetti Dinner has become an important part of our event. Raising over \$1000 each year. It is important to have a nice variety of baskets, so anything you can donate will help! If you know a business owner, consider asking them for something to donate. No need to contribute an entire basket. I will put together items to complete a basket. If you are willing to make a few calls to local businesses contact me at 440-0841.

Many hands make light work!  
 Lion Anne

.Once again "Kids Day", The Buffalo News special sale date, is the morning after our Spaghetti Dinner. This year it is Tuesday, April 24th. We only need about 6 volunteers. That way we can stagger the shifts to 1.5 hours each in case the weather is not good.

Please consider helping this year. It is such a worthwhile cause. You can either work from 6-7:30 or 7:30 -9. If someone can help me load papers at 5:30 at the Knights of Columbus, I would appreciate it. Contact me at 440-0841 if you can help. Than You. Lion Anne

**The Sheridan Drive Lions  
invite the Lions of District 20-N  
to DG Sharon's Homecoming!**



Please  
Join Us!



When: **Monday April 16, 2018**  
6:00-7:00 PM Cash Bar  
7:00 PM Dinner (\$25 per person)  
Post-dinner comments and "roast"

Where: Classics V Banquet Center  
2425 Niagara Falls Boulevard  
Amherst, New York 14228



RSVP to Lion Rick Battaglia at rickb20N@gmail.com  
or 536-9126 (**Let him know if you desire to speak!**)  
Checks payable to: Sheridan Drive Lions (send to  
Lion Rick at 6532 Wills Hollow, Lockport, NY 14094)

The Sheridan Drive Lions Club members cordially invite Lions from all 20-N clubs to join us for DG Sharon's Homecoming Party.

The Homecoming will be on Monday evening April 16 at Classics V Banquet Center, 2425 Niagara Falls Boulevard, Amherst, NY starting at 6 PM. The price is \$25 per person - check payable to the Sheridan Drive Lions Club.

Please RSVP to me at this email address (rickb20n@gmail.com) or by phone (536-9126). Checks should be sent to me at 6532 Wills Hollow, Lockport, NY 14094.

We invite attendees to provide after dinner remarks regarding DG Sharon - yes, a roast is in order (if you are so inclined). For those who desire to speak, please inform me when you make your reservation.

Please see the attached flyer for details. We look forward to welcoming our Lions friends from across 20-N to welcome DG Sharon home!

Lion Rick Battaglia  
On behalf of the Sheridan Drive Lions Club



Congratulations to the 2017-18 Lions #PeacePoster Contest grand prize winner, ZhuoQi Wang, age 13! Sponsored by Dalian Heping Huihua Lions Club, China #LDUN



## Sheridan Drive Lions Club



make checks to:  
Sheridan Drive  
Lions

Is Sponsoring an

# All-You-Can-Eat Spaghetti Dinner




mail to:  
6532 Wills Hollow  
Lockport, NY  
14094

## Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018

4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

*Dinner Includes:*  
**Meatballs, Salad, Bread, Beverage and Unlimited Spaghetti**

**50/50 Raffle • Basket Raffle**

### St. Edmunds Campus

530 Ellicott Creek Road • Tonawanda, NY

Donation: Adults \$8.00  
Kids 12 and under \$5.00

## NEW DUES STRUCTURE FOR NEW MEMBER CANDIDATES

A new dues structure for proposed new members to our club has been approved by your Board of Directors. It was necessitated due to the billing cycles of the International, our multiple, and our district that caused an unfair and unnecessary expense to our new members. For example, the district bills the club for all current members in July. After that time, there is no further benefit that a new member need to pay for since the new member now is covered by the club.

As a result, when you need to divulge what the initiation fee and dues will cost the new member or members, please refer to this new dues structure. Please note the one-time initiation fee is \$35.00 per person no matter when they join. It's the month they join in that will determine their dues for the remainder of the year. Please also note that we send out our dues notices starting in April. The reason for this is to remove from the membership roll (drop) anyone who has not paid by June 15th. This way we will not be billed by the entities beyond our club on June 30th. Once we are billed, we cannot seek any refunds.

This structure will be found on our website's "Members only" section at [www.gilions.com](http://www.gilions.com). If you have any questions or comments, they are always welcomed.

Lion Tom Witkowski

Club

### 2018 - 2019 ANNUAL DUES AND FEES TABLE FOR PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

International new member fee is \$35.00 each and is not prorated. This fee is **not included** in the totals below.

International dues are billed twice a year (July, January).

State dues are fixed at \$10.00 per member and billed twice a year (July, January).

District dues are billed in July of each year.

Current individual and family (head of household + one family member) members are billed in April at the rate listed for July.

#### Individual membership

#### Head of household + one family member

|    | Month New Member(s) Joined | International | State | District | Club | Total |  | International | State | District | Club | Total  |
|----|----------------------------|---------------|-------|----------|------|-------|--|---------------|-------|----------|------|--------|
| 12 | July                       | 43.00         | 20    | 4        | 8    | 75.00 |  | 64.50         | 40    | 8        | 16   | 128.50 |
| 11 | August                     | 39.42         | 10    | 0        | 8    | 57.42 |  | 59.13         | 20    | 0        | 16   | 95.13  |
| 10 | September                  | 35.83         | 10    | 0        | 8    | 53.83 |  | 53.75         | 20    | 0        | 16   | 89.75  |
| 9  | October                    | 32.25         | 10    | 0        | 8    | 50.25 |  | 48.38         | 20    | 0        | 16   | 84.38  |
| 8  | November                   | 28.67         | 10    | 0        | 8    | 46.67 |  | 43.00         | 20    | 0        | 16   | 79.00  |
| 7  | December                   | 25.08         | 10    | 0        | 8    | 43.08 |  | 37.63         | 20    | 0        | 16   | 73.63  |
| 6  | January                    | 21.50         | 10    | 0        | 8    | 39.50 |  | 32.25         | 20    | 0        | 16   | 68.25  |
| 5  | February                   | 17.92         | 0     | 0        | 8    | 25.92 |  | 26.88         | 0     | 0        | 16   | 42.88  |
| 4  | March                      | 14.33         | 0     | 0        | 8    | 22.33 |  | 21.50         | 0     | 0        | 16   | 37.50  |
| 3  | April                      | 10.75         | 0     | 0        | 8    | 18.75 |  | 16.13         | 0     | 0        | 16   | 32.13  |
| 2  | May                        | 7.17          | 0     | 0        | 8    | 15.17 |  | 10.75         | 0     | 0        | 16   | 26.75  |
| 1  | June                       | 3.58          | 0     | 0        | 8    | 11.58 |  | 5.38          | 0     | 0        | 16   | 21.38  |

## The "Magic" of Compound Interest

Back in the 1950s, our Lions district started a fund, formerly known as the Blind and Charity Fund, as an investment vehicle to provide an ongoing stream of money that would be used for funding the Buffalo Eye Bank and for clubs for their charitable works. Numerous clubs signed on board with the program, funding it at a rate of \$200.00 a share with a maximum purchase of ten shares. Our club signed up with a \$1,000 infusion of money, allowing us five shares in the fund. Every year, the dividends were divided up amongst the clubs holding shares. In the unfortunate event of a club folding, their share balance would then be divided up amongst the remaining clubs.

In 2013, the entire fund was turned over to the renowned Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo to handle all the investing and distribution of funds. As part of the transfer of funds, one-half of all distributions would be earmarked for Upstate New York Transplant Services (UNYTS), formerly known as the Buffalo Eye Bank, which was founded by seven Lions clubs in 1949.

Although historical data is missing on our returns of investment, or ROI for our Lion stock market followers, it can be safely estimated that we have received at least 58 years of returns on our original \$1,000 investment. The past two years alone has seen our Welfare Fund realize over \$2,700 from that very wise decision of our Lions predecessors. This year could see the total climb to over \$4,000. Thanks to compound interest and the wisdom of all those involved in that decision a long time ago!

Lion Treasurer Tom W.

**Tony 'n  
Tina's**

**Wedding**

*The Kiwanis Club of Grand Island invites you  
to a full filled evening of dinner theatre!*

**Friday April 27<sup>th</sup> 2018**  
**The Beaver Island Clubhouse**  
**Show starts at 7:00 pm**  
**Doors open at 6:30 pm**  
**Italian style buffet**  
**Catered by The Riverstone Grill**  
**Cash Bar**



Ticket Price \$50 Includes a champagne toast, dinner & wedding cake!  
 For tickets call Lauren: 807-2965 OR Email: Lauren0328@hotmail.com

Below are next year's Nominations for Officers. Floor nominations can also be made that evening. Club elections will take place at our meeting on Wednesday, April 11th at the Radisson.

President: Lion Shelia Ferrentino  
 1st Vice President: Lion Paul Krupa  
 2nd Vice President: Lion Ann Fahning  
 2 Year Director: Lion Dick Crawford  
 2 Year Director: Lion Cindy Sharpe  
 1 Year Director: Lion Bob Goulding  
 1 Year Director: Lion Brooks Rimes  
 Treasurer: Lion Tom Witkowski  
 Lion Tamer & Tail Twister: Fred Ruocco  
 Recording Secretary: Lion Donna Lavalley  
 Corresponding Secretary: Lion Kelly McGarvey  
 Membership Chair: Lion Tom Rusert

I hope to see everyone at this important meeting.

Lion Kelly  
 Corresponding Secretary

### Nervous Secret Service Agent:



The president is walking out of the White House and heading toward his limo, when a possible assassin steps forward and aims a gun. A secret service agent, new on the job, shouts, "Mickey Mouse!"

This startles the would be assassin and he is captured. Later, the secret service agent's supervisor takes him aside and asks, "What in the world made you shout Mickey Mouse?" Blushing, the agent replies, "I got nervous. I meant to shout, "Donald duck!"

Members should continue to bring nonperishable food items to our meetings for benefit of the Neighbors Foundation Food Bank, and used cell phones can be re-purposed by the Erie County Sheriff's domestic violence unit.



Also Bottle Junction credits our club 6 cents on every deposit can or bottle returned. The advantage of this donation is you do not have to wait. Just tell them to donate the proceeds to the Lions. Our last return from this was \$94.02. Thank you to all who participated.

Thanks to Lions Tom Witkowski, Henry Lobl, Dick Crawford, Anne Fahning, Kelly McGarvey, Donna Lavalley and Tom Rusert for contributions to this newsletter. The deadline for the May Newsletter is Friday April 27th. If you have material for the newsletter, you can e-mail it to Lion Dave Chervinsky, the editor/publisher, at: [grandislandliodave@gmail.com](mailto:grandislandliodave@gmail.com).

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**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY**



Anne E. Fahning  
 Jeanine Justen  
 Patrick Patterson  
 Thomas Natale