



The Grand Island Lion

April 2022

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Upcoming Events:

April 23 General Meeting G.I. Community Center 6:30pm

April 25 Spaghetti Dinner Knights of Columbus 6:30pm

May 11 General Meeting G.I. Community Center 6:30pm

May 25 General Meeting Launch Club not confirmed 6:30pm

June 8 Installation Dinner Launch Club not confirmed 6:30pm

Dear Lions,

On Monday April 25th we will hold our annual Spaghetti Dinner at the Knights of Columbus. We will be serving takeout dinners only from 5 – 8pm. The committee is busy finalizing details for the online ordering, raffles, and logistics of preparing the food. Your participation is vital to a successful spaghetti dinner. We ask that you reach out to me or Lion Anne Fahning to volunteer for this event.

Lion Tom Witkowski is finalizing the Grand Island Diaper Drive with FeedMore of WNY.

Lion Shelia Ferrentino has secured the Buffalo Launch Club for the Special Kids Picnic Wednesday July 20th. Lion Ashley Digati is checking with the local schools to determine if they will be participating due to Covid-19 protocols.



Our club has many great activities scheduled over the next few months; we are looking for your help to complete our Mission of “WE SERVE”.

Lion Dick



We Serve

Spaghetti Dinner

To benefit the Grand Island Lions Club.

When Monday April 25th 2022
from 5 PM to 8 PM

Where Knights of Columbus Hall
1841 Whitehaven Rd.
Grand Island NY 14072

Tickets \$10 Adults, \$5 Children



WE SERVE



Lions,

Please review the list of suggested collection locations and provide me the address and the hours of operation where the collection container will be located. This is important so that FeedMore of WNY can deliver the containers during normal business hours. If there are additional locations we should consider, please reach out to those places and let me know as soon as possible. The plan is to get the containers positioned and announcements made within the next two weeks. The containers will remain in place for a two-week period. I have attached a document providing all necessary information as to the purpose of the drive.

Town Hall - Lion Dick
 Howard Hanna Realty - Lion Shelia
 St. Stephens Catholic Church - Lion Tom W.
 Island Family Eye Care - Lion Adrienne
 Trinity United Methodist Church - Lion Donna

The two items the drive is targeted to collect are diapers and baby wipes only. Of course, monetary donations to FeedMore of WNY are also acceptable.

Thank you for your participation in this event.
 Lion Tom W.



GRAND ISLAND LIONS DIAPER DRIVE

Can you help us?

Diaper need is a silent crisis in America, one that cannot be addressed by private diaper banks alone. Children in low-income families are at greatest risk of suffering the effects of diaper need because many families can't afford diapers. Current public support programs help some, but young children have additional needs necessary to build a strong foundation for healthy growth and to reach their full potential. It requires the support of citizens and humanitarian organizations dedicated to correcting these conditions.

First, some data indicating the need:

Babies need 6-12 diapers per day.

The cost of infant care takes up 13% of income for a two-parent household and an astounding 46% for a single parent household.

- 1 in 3 U.S. families experience diaper need.
 Babies without clean diapers are exposed to more potential health risks & less likely accepted to daycares, leaving parents unable to attend work.
- Nationally, 57% of parents experiencing diaper need who rely on childcare said they missed an average of four days of school or work in the past month because they didn't have diapers.
- Although center-based Early Head Start programs provide diapers for infants and toddlers, other federally funded childcare assistance programs don't. For families enrolled in the latter, not having access to diapers removes a key building block for strong families. Without diapers a parent cannot go to work, and not working disqualifies a parent from vital childcare resources.

An average monthly supply of diapers costs approximately \$80. The only federal assistance program that can be used for diapers is Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), but TANF has to cover many other expenses, including heat, electric and water bills, rent, clothing, transportation, and other basic needs. With a monthly benefit of \$789 for a single parent household with two children, 10% of that goes for diapers. Little if any money is available to purchase enough diapers to keep a baby clean, dry, and healthy.

Locally, FeedMore of WNY states that their partners currently serve upwards of 2,600 infants a month and an additional 5,800 toddlers, all who potentially are using diapers. Between January and February of this year alone, 750 cases of diapers were distributed to partners in the FeedMore of WNY network. This equates to over 90,000 individual diapers during that period. And as with soiled diapers, baby wipes are also needed. Although the National Diaper Bank Network and Every Bottom Covered are also dedicated to mitigating the problem of diaper need, the total services are not enough to fulfill the need.

FeedMore of WNY will deliver and pick up containers dedicated for the Diaper Drive. We need to enlist the support of churches and stores as collection points and get the drive published in the media and on our Facebook page. We will then contact FeedMore of WNY to where they can deliver the containers. We should consider the drive to last two weeks and be performed annually, or semi-annually, if possible.

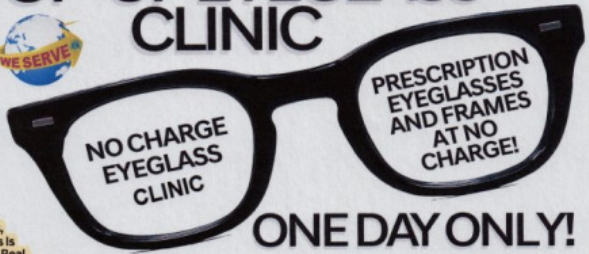
Can you help?

Yours in service,

Lion Tom Witkowski, 716-909-1862, liontom20n@roadrunner.com

Lions: We Serve...making a difference...every day...everywhere!

POP-UP EYEGLASS CLINIC




ONE DAY ONLY!

SATURDAY MAY 14, 2022
9AM – 4PM

The Salvation Army of Niagara Falls
7018 Buffalo Ave Niagara Falls, NY 14304

Yes, This is For Real. No Gimmicks. No Strings Attached.

- ⇒ Clinic staffed by NYS Licensed Doctors of Ophthalmology & Optometry
- ⇒ **FREE** eyeglass screenings **AND** fitting of eyeglasses
- ⇒ Wide selection of frames to choose from
- ⇒ Prescription lenses **AND** frames at **NO COST**
- ⇒ **ALL** are welcome- Children **AND** Adults
- ⇒ **NO** appointment necessary - **NO** ID required
- ⇒ First Come – First Served
- ⇒ Early attendance is recommended and encouraged



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Please return your empties to Bottle and Can Retrieval Center 2447 Grand Island Blvd, Grand Island, **Grand Island Can and Bottle Retrieval Center is now tracking our donations when items are left for them to credit our account.**



This month, 80 lbs of food and \$100.00 in Tops gift cards have been donated from our most generous Lions to the Neighbor's Foundation.

Thank you Lions!

Donations for the Neighbors Foundation can be brought to each meeting or dropped off to me at 895 North Colony Road.

Lion Tom Rusert

Stuart Sports has many styles and colors of polo shirts along with other apparel available. Stop in and peruse their catalogs and request that the Grand Island Lions logo be applied to your selection.


It's just a short drive to Lewiston: Stuart Sports 486 Center St. Lewiston, NY (716-754-4895)

<http://www.stuartsportsinc.com/>

Lion Tom Rusert



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Anne E. Fahning
Jeanine Justen
Patrick Patterson

Thanks to Lions Tom Rusert, Tom Witkowski, Paul Bassette, and Dick Crawford for contributions to this newsletter. The deadline for the April Newsletter is Thursday April 28th. If you have material for the newsletter, you can e-mail it to Lion Dave Chervinsky, the editor/publisher: grandislandliondave@gmail.com.

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