



The Grand Island Lion

December 2022

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Lions Christmas

Caroling

December 3rd

12-4PM Tops Market

Come and spread Christmas Joy

Bring a friend!



Lions Christmas Party.



Dec 14th

GI Lions Christmas Party

BLC cocktails 6PM Dinner 7PM

Dinner price \$32.00. Everyone will need to bring a WRAPPED GIFT



in the \$10.00 range for our gift exchange game. Look for an email right after Thanksgiving from Lion Kelly with more details and your dinner choices. Final count will be required by Dec 7th!

In the spirit of giving please bring non-perishable food items, diapers, toiletries, Tops gift cards, cash or checks to our Christmas dinner at the BLC on December 14th. All donations will be sent to the Neighbors foundation for distribution.

Lions,

Thanksgiving has been celebrated nationally on and off since 1789, with a proclamation by President [George Washington](#) after a request by Congress.

President [Thomas Jefferson](#) chose not to observe the holiday, and its celebration was intermittent until President [Abraham Lincoln](#), in 1863, proclaimed a national day of "Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent [Father](#) who dwelleth in the Heavens", calling on the American people to also, "with humble penitence for our national perverseness and disobedience .. fervently implore the interposition of the Almighty hand to heal the wounds of the nation...". Lincoln declared it for the last Thursday in November. On June 28, 1870, President [Ulysses S. Grant](#) signed into law the *Holidays Act* that made Thanksgiving a yearly appointed federal holiday. Under President [Franklin D. Roosevelt](#), the [date was moved](#) to one week earlier, observed between 1939 and 1941 amid significant controversy. From 1942 onwards, Thanksgiving, by an act of [Congress](#) received a permanent observation date, the fourth Thursday in November, no longer at the discretion of the President. As we celebrate Thanksgiving with family and friends, I hope you can enjoy

Good Food, Good Friends, and Good Conservation.

See you at the Christmas party on December 14th at the Buffalo Launch Club!



Give your hands to serve and your hearts to love.



Lion Dick



Lions District Governor Mike Yost.



New members and sponsors from left Lions Dick Crawford, Susan Standora, Jenny Bagen, Tom Witkowski and DG Lion Mike Yost.



Lion DG Mike and PDG, GI Lions Secretary, Jim Ryan.

The Lions Hosted District Governor Mike Yost and his better half, Lion Debbie Yost from the West Seneca Lion Club at our November 9th Meeting. The meeting was Held at the Moose Lodge on Grand Island and DG Lion Mike inspired us with his vision for Lions District 20N and LCIF. He also inducted new members Jenny Bagen and Susan Standora into our club. Our Lions Club made a donation to DG Lion Mikes charity of choice, The Grace House. Longevity awards were given out to the following Lions:

- Lion Mark Frentzel 15 years
- Lion Shelia Ferrentino 20 years
- Lion Paul Krupa 25 years
- Lion Jim Ryan 35 years
- Lion Tom Butler 40 years
- Lion Bob Goulding 65 years



Super Hero Raffle

Be A Super Hero For Children In Need

Drawing will be held Super Bowl Sunday, February 12, 2023




Grand Prize - \$5,000

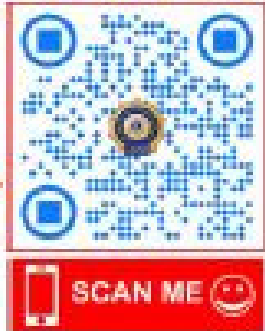


- 2nd Prize: \$ 2,000
- 3rd Prize: \$ 1,000
- 4th & 5th Prizes: \$ 500
- 6th thru 9th Prizes: \$ 250

Special
6 Tickets
For \$100

\$20 Per Ticket

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P.O. Box 913
Rockville Centre, NY 11571

For Tickets & Information Contact: John Wargo
Email: jwargo@yahoo.com
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All proceeds benefit children in need through
the Brandel-Murphy Youth Foundation

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We are a 501(c)(3) organization. Contributions are deductible to the extent allowed by law.



Save the date!
July 16, 2023

V.I.P.
Visually Impaired
Picnic



Five Senses Nature Park
Home of Town of Wheatfield Lions
6535 Ward Road, Wheatfield, NY



Food, Games and Fun planned for all
You and your club are welcomed to be a part of it!

Contact:
Lion PCC Sharon Battaglia, 716-474-4039, sharonb20n@gmail.com or
Lion PDG Jeff Jarvis, 716-536-7646, jjarvis20n@icloud.com
For more info: VIPicniclionsclubs20n@gmail.com

Lions,
If anyone has any volunteer activity you want to report for the month (or the last few months), please let me know. Let me know anything and everything that you volunteer for. I can determine where to report it appropriately. I need to know:

- the title or type of project,
- a location if appropriate,
- how many people helped,
- How many volunteers,
- How many volunteer hours,
- how much funds spent or collected if appropriate and,
- a couple of sentences describing the project and impact.



If we do a project on a regular basis (i.e. Meals on Wheels delivery), then I just need all of the information once. And information that changes like volunteers and hours when there is a change. I can copy the standard information from prior events.

Any questions, please let me know.

Thanks,
PDG James Ryan
Secretary
Grand Island Lions Club

Thanks to Lions Tom Rusert, Donna Lavallee, Tom Witkowski, Jim Ryan, Kelly McGarvey and Dick Crawford for contributions to this newsletter. The deadline for the January Newsletter is Thursday December 29th. If you have material for the newsletter, you can e-mail it to Lion Dave Chervinsky, the editor/publisher at:
grandislandliondave@gmail.com.

Visit us at: www.gilions.com.

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.**



The Neighbors Foundation is conducting their holiday food distribution from the Knights of Columbus on December 8th. They are in need of turkeys, hams, potatoes and of course the usual items that our Lion members so graciously contribute. The perishable items can be dropped off to the Knights hall on the morning of December 8th or to me (895 North Colony) on December 7th.

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Thanks,
Lion Tom Rusert



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Lion Tom Rusert

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Robert Goulding
Sarah Sweeney
Robert Christmann
Norman Hahn
Susan Standora