



# The Grand Island Lion

## December 2009

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**THE SPLIT CLUB  
IS NOW \$187 AND  
GROWING!**



Lion Tom Witkowski **did not** draw the ace of spades at our last meeting.

### Upcoming events:



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#### December:

#### Board of Directors meeting

December 2nd 7PM

Lobl Home

Bring a snack to share!

#### District Peace Poster Competition.

December 4th

See elsewhere for details.



#### Grand Island Lions Christmas Party

Wednesday December 9th.

G.I. Holiday Inn

Cocktails 6:00 Dinner 7PM

#### January:

January 13th

General Membership Meeting

G.I. Holiday Inn

Program: District Governor Visit



October 31, saw another successful Sight Night under the Chairmanship of Lion Tom Witkowski. 1061 pairs of glasses, 16 hearing aids, 55 batteries, 6 magnifying lenses, 1 large number timer, 1 large number phone, 1 talking watch and 1 talking clock were received. To kick off this campaign on October 24 Tom in toga, received assistance from fellow Lions in costume Tigger Denise Dunbar, Lion Mascot Shelia Ferrentino and Mardi Gras Annette Lobl.

**The Couples Christmas party is Dec 9th at the Holiday Inn, \$20.00 per person. Tammy and Fred have some fun and games planned. Every person will be asked to bring a wrapped white elephant gift ( something you have laying around the house that you don't want anymore, ie: an old bowling ball, a pair of skates etc.)**  
**Lion Fred**

**We are extremely grateful to the family of Lion Mike Kelly for requesting that donations be made in his memory to the Club. To date we have received \$995. The Board will be discussing how best we can remember Mike and his love for the Special Kids Picnic.**



Above is a photo of Melissa and Hannah Ullrich dropping off their collection of eyeglasses on Sight Night.

Lion Larry Furnia has been recognized by Lions International with a 25 Year Chevron for his service to Lionism. Larry will have surgery Dec. 02 for treatment of cancer. When Larry is able we will formally recognize him at a meeting.

Lion Henry

#### Fellow Lions:

All Grand Island Lions should have received in the mail a week or so ago the Lions Blind & Charity Fund appeal packet which includes an envelope to send in your contribution. PLEASE, DO NOT throw this very important appeal in the waste basket. You only get this request once a year to a very important cause. As you know, our club has 5 shares in the Lions Blind & Charity Fund, so we get yearly returns on our shares. For the past several years, we have received from \$800-\$1,000 each year on our shares. Some of these share return monies that we as Grand Island Lions contribute come back to our club for use in our welfare fund. The rest of the monies we contribute go to the Upstate New York Transplant Services (UNYTS), especially their Eye Banking portion of UNYTS. Our club members have given over the years, but not in large numbers. We had 8 Grand Island Lions contribute last year. Let's double that number or even more for 2009. The monies we contribute are used in a very worthwhile way for the sight impaired needy citizens of western N.Y. Please give generously and every dollar will help in so many ways. Your contributions can be used for income tax reductions under the charitable contributions section.

Yours in Lionism,  
Lion Paul Bassette



The Council Chair of the  
Lions MD 20

(New York & Bermuda)

And the

Lockport Lions

Club

Request the pleasure of your company at the  
opening of an exhibition of District Winners  
in the  
Lions International Peace Poster  
Contest

When: at 5,45 for 6 PM (**sharp**) on Friday  
the 4<sup>th</sup> December

Where: at the Market St. Art Center, 247 Market  
St. Lockport NY.

PDG Lion Gary Brown, Council Chair will open the  
exhibition

Judging assisted by artists Joe Buczkowski and  
Jennifer Kursten

Peace Poster Contest

Winners

Our Peace Poster Contest for 2009 was another success in the number of 11-13 year olds participating and quality of their art work. We had a total of 60 Peace Posters made by those young kids from Grand Island Middle School and St. Stephen School. The Peace Poster theme this year was "the power of peace" which is not an easy concept for kids to display on their posters. Our winner this year as selected by our Peace Poster Contest Committee was Carleen Conway from St. Stephen School who received \$100 cash award and was entered into the District 20N competition held on Nov. 7 at the fall convention for District 20N. Our second place winner was Laura Szcypankiewicz from Connors Middle School who received a \$50 cash award. Both of these winners will be invited to one of our Lions meetings in May, 2010 to be honored as well as a show and tell time. Both of their winning Peace Posters will be on display for one year at the Grand Island Town Library starting in June, 2010. We also had 4 honorable mention winners who received \$25 each cash award.

I would like to thank the Peace Poster Committee of Dan Morabito, Diane Dubiel and Donna LaVallee in assisting to select the winners.

Lion Paul Bassette

Thanks to Lions Annette Boies-Lobl, Henry Lobl, Donna Lavallee, Paul Bassette, Fred Ruocco and Tom Witkowski all of whom contributed to this newsletter. The deadline for the January Newsletter is Thursday December 31st. If you have material for the newsletter, you can e-mail it to Dave Chervinsky, the editor/publisher, at

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