



# The Grand Island Lion

## December 2010

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The Split Club  
is now \$\$\$+ and  
growing!



The Grand Island Lions Community  
Needs Assessment can be found at:

[http://www.isledegrande.com/lions/  
lionsclub2010.php](http://www.isledegrande.com/lions/lionsclub2010.php)



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### Upcoming events:

**Christmas Dinner**

**Wednesday December 8th**

**Grand Island Holiday Inn**

**Spouses and Significant Others are  
Invited**

**Cost: \$15 per person**

**Cocktails 6:00 Dinner 7:00**

**Everyone attending the party is asked  
to bring a beautifully wrapped white  
elephant Christmas gift. Do not buy a  
gift, just find some unwanted or un-  
used item lying around the house.**

**Games and fun by Fred & Tammy  
Ruocco.**

**No meeting December 22nd due to  
the Christmas Holiday**



**Lion workers at the Tree Stand in front of Kelly's  
Country Store**

### President's Message

Hello Lions,

December is upon us and we are all busy preparing for the Holidays. I hope to see you all at our Christmas Party. In my opinion we have a great club that is becoming more relevant and important in our community and offers a great way to interact and socialize with our fellow Lions. We should all feel gratified and proud to be a part of our organization. I want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and happy holidays and I look forward to serving as our club president into the coming year.

Yours in service,  
Lion Dave

### State convention notice

Please be aware that the official registration form for the State Convention in Rochester is in the Multiple District 20 Lion magazine on page 9. There are specific deadlines for registration and hotel reservation costs with cost savings if done early. The forms and more information are also found on the our multiple's website at [www.md20lions.com](http://www.md20lions.com). Save some cash and register and/or reserve early.

Lion Tom W.



Hands Across the Border



## 35th Annual

### Sports Banquet

**When: Tuesday January 18th, 2010**

**Time: 6:00 pm - 10:30 pm, doors open at 5:30 pm**

**Cost: \$25.00 per person - US or Canadian**

(Payable in U.S. Cash, U.S. Money Order, or U.S. Check with checks Payable to Town of Wheatfield Lions Club)

**Where: Days Inn at Niagara Falls**

**443 Main St., Niagara Falls, NY 14301**

We will have a family style all-you-can-eat dinner of Baked Chicken & Pork Chops.

Pitcher beer will be only \$5/pitcher and cold Coke products will be available.

Guest will include *Past International President Albert F. Brandel* and a sports figure TBA.

If you would like to stay overnight, Days Inn, has offered a splendid one night stay special room rate of \$39.00 + tax. Reservations can be made by calling the hotel directly at (716) 284-8801 and mentioning Hands across the Border.

**For Tickets:**

**Chairman Lion President Sam Cala**

[sc62buff@roadrunner.com](mailto:sc62buff@roadrunner.com)

716-694-6693 (Res.) or 716-570-3510 (Cell)

Send your check payable to the "Town of Wheatfield Lions Club" to:

Sam Cala

7232 Wilrose Court,

North Tonawanda, NY. 14120

Proceeds will be used to maintain our 5 Senses Nature Park Grounds & Buildings.



## The Niagara Frontier Radio Reading Service

P.O. BOX 575, BUFFALO, NEW YORK 14225 \* (716) 821-5555

*Giving the Blind a Chance to Read... Thanks to Lions Clubs!*

RADIO READING STUDIOS: 1199 HARLEM ROAD

**NEARING THE MILESTONE OF 200,000 HOURS OF RADIO READINGS TO THE BLIND!**

October 21, 2010

### A Special Message to the Grand Island Lions Club...

Thank you.

Thanks to the Grand Island Lions Club and other 20-N Clubs,  
the **Niagara Frontier Radio Reading Service** Gives the Blind a Chance to Read!

Next Spring, the **NFRRS** will reach a milestone: **the broadcast of 200,000 Hours of Radio Readings to our blind and print-handicapped neighbors!**

That is, we hope to reach 200,000 Hours of Radio Readings- with your Club's help.  
**Now, we invite your Lions Club to be a hero in achieving that landmark.**

Now, in this time of brutal economic hardship for our agency, **we ask the Grand Island Lions Club to make your 2010-2011 contribution to the Niagara Frontier Radio Reading Service to reach the "200,000 Hours" Milestone...**

Since 1987, the **Grand Island Lions Club** has donated more than **\$3,000.00** to the **NFRRS**. Thanks to the Grand Island Lions Club and Clubs throughout District 20-N, our volunteers broadcast daily "radio readings" of newspapers, books and magazines to your blind and print-handicapped neighbors, who are provided special "reading radios."

**NFRRS** has been devastated by the financial crisis, but... somehow... it has continued. Now, nearing the "200,000 Hours" milestone, we struggle to find the funds to stay on-air to and beyond that landmark achievement. **NFRRS** is a good cause in great need.

**\*\*\* Now, we ask the Grand Island Lions Club for a 2010-11 donation of as much as possible to the Niagara Frontier Radio Reading Service. \*\*\***

**\*\*\* Please consider making a landmark Lions donation to help the NFRRS reach the "200,000 Hours of Radio Readings" milestone.** In return, your Club will be showcased on our lobby plaque *and* on-air every day... and will be spotlighted at our agency's "200,000 Hours of Radio Readings" Celebration on April 10, 2011!


**NFRRS** is a trusted friend to those who cannot read for themselves. Lions can take great pride in founding one of America's finest and most efficient radio reading services. With your Lions Club's help, we can stay on-the-air for our neighbors without sight.

We now ask the **Grand Island Lions Club** to make a spotlight "200,000 Hours" contribution. Together, we can reach a milestone in giving the blind a chance to read. Have any questions? Call me at 821-5555. Thank you for caring...



Lion Bob Sikorski, President

If your Club members know of print-handicapped persons who would appreciate having **Radio Reading**, have them call us at 821-5555-- so they can have a "Reading Radio"! And, of course, we can provide a speaker on **Radio Reading** for one of your Club meetings...



After a High School basketball game, the coach found a cell phone on the gym floor. He picked it up and gave it to one of the referees, saying,

"Here's your cell phone."

"What makes you think it's mine?" the ref asked.

"Easy," the coach replied, "It says you missed 13 calls."

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A college professor taught during the day and did research at night, usually taking a break about 9 p.m. To relax, he'd log into an online war game and play as part of a team. One night he was paired with a veteran of the game, a master strategist. With him at the helm, their team crushed opponent after opponent, and after 6 games they were still undefeated. At that point, the master strategist told the professor that he had to log off - his mother was making him go to bed.

"How old are you?" he typed.

"Twelve," he replied. "How old are you?"

Feeling his face redden, the professor answered, "Ten."

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This is from Jay Leno;

"In Portland Ore., a 7-year-old girl's lemonade stand was shut down by the police because she didn't have a \$120 business license. On the bright side, by closing her business, she's now eligible for a \$108,000 government bailout."

## Peace Poster Contest Winners

Our Peace Poster Contest for 2010 was another success in the number of 11-13 year olds participating and quality of their art work. We had a total of 64 Peace Posters made by those young kids from Grand Island Middle School and St. Stephen School.

The Peace Poster theme this year was "Vision 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 Lindsey Lepenven from St. Stephen School who received \$100 cash award and was entered into the District 20N competition held on Nov. 6 at the fall convention for District 20N.

Our second place winner was Alyssa Maxwell 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, 2011 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, 2011. We also had 4 honorable mention winners who received \$25 each cash award.

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

Lion Paul Bassette



Thanks to Lions Al Ackerman, Paul Bassette, Dave Chervinsky, Anne Fahning, Donna Lavallee, Fred Ruocco, and Tom Witkowski for contributions to this newsletter. The deadline for the December Newsletter is Tuesday, December 28th. If you have material for the newsletter, you can e-mail it to Lion Brooks Rimes, the editor/publisher, at [brimes@rimesrv.net](mailto:brimes@rimesrv.net).

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