



# The Grand Island Lion

December 2011

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The Split Club  
is now \$375+ and  
growing!



\$382 Split club, Lion Christina, Lion Tom R and Lion Dan were absent, Lion Norm was drawn. The 3 of spades was drawn.



Lion 1st VP Tom Witkowski spoke to club at our November 9th Meeting about the Global Membership Team (GMT) initiative. Members received a four-part questionnaire entitled "How are your ratings?" In it are questions asking for your personal ratings and comments regarding our club's meetings, membership, club activities, and your satisfaction as a Lion. According to Lion Tom "All clubs in our district will be presented with the questionnaire at our upcoming cabinet meeting. The goal is to get a response from 75% of the clubs with 75% of their members responding over the next several months. This may sound like a lofty goal, but if we are to be relevant and thriving in today's ultra-busy world, we need to know where we are as individuals and as clubs. Therefore, your input is important!"



**WE SERVE**

## Upcoming events:

### December:

**Wednesday December 14th:**  
**Christmas Party**  
**G. I. Holiday Inn**  
**Cocktails 6:00 Dinner 7PM**  
**Guest DG Clancy Burkwit**  
**Induction of new member**  
**Eduardo Payan**

*Dear Fellow Lions,*

*With the holiday season upon us, I want to express my deep appreciation for all that you do for the Club and the less fortunate throughout the year. I know you will be rewarded many times over. With our new project of supporting Kelly's Country Store with the Christmas tree sale, we will have a chance to be even more visible in our community. In memory of Mike Kelly, Lions Sean and Brian have taken on the huge task of selling the trees simply to help the Lions. Certainly an inspiring tradition of service handed from one generation to the next! Thank you so much. God bless you all, and your families with good health, warm friends and much happiness as you navigate through the next few weeks of this very busy season. Enjoy a very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year!*  
**Lion President Anne**





Hands Across the Border



## 36th Annual Banquet

**WE CHANGED THE DAY AND LOCATION!!!**

Where: **Antonio's Banquet & Conference Center**

7708 Niagara Falls Boulevard, Niagara NY 14304-1704

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

**SPOUSES WELCOME!!!**

**Located 15 minutes from the Seneca Niagara Casino!**

**Located 5 minutes from the Factory Outlet Mall!**

**When: SATURDAY January 21st, 2012**

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

**Dinner at 7:00**

**FAMILY STYLE DINNER**

**Cost: \$30.00 per person - US or Canadian**

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

**If you would like to stay overnight, Antonio's, has offered a one night stay special room rate of \$59.00 + tax. Reservations can be made by calling the hotel directly at (716) 283-7444 and mention your with the Lions for Hands across the Border.**

- **Indoor Pool**

- **Jacuzzi Rooms (may not include \$59.00 discount)**

**For Tickets:**

**Chairman Lion Sam Cala**

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

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### Member Highlight

John Mc Carthy

John joined our club in 1972. His activities with the Club demonstrate a true spirit of Lionism. He has worked and been chairman of the White Cane Sales. He was Lion Tamer in 1974. He has served as Program chair. He Chaired the spaghetti dinner for 5 years from 1988-1992. He was Secretary for 5 years in 1974, 1975, 1982, 1983, 1984. He has been Vice President in 1976, 1977 and President in 1978. In addition he has served on the Board for two terms. He has a record of perfect attendance for 17 years. He received the Melvin Jones Award in 1999. He continues to be active in picking up eyeglasses on the Island from the different sites. He continues to attend meetings and encourage new members. His loyalty to Lionism serves as an example to all of us.

Annette Lobl

A note regarding member highlights. The information is obtained from the individual member profiles which have been recorded by the club secretaries

**"Another Successful Bon-Ton Fundraiser"**

A total of 85 books were sold providing the club with \$425. The total amount will be reported once the Club receives its check from the share of the community day proceeds. My special thanks go out to Lions Anne Fahning, Dave Chervinsky, Tom Witkowski, Shelia Ferrentino, and Henry Lobl (high sales of 31 books) for taking the time to sell in the store and the 14 club members who bought books. Annette Lobl

Thanks to Lions Fred Ruocco, Annette Boies-Lobl, Donna Lavalley, and Anne Fahning for contributions to this newsletter. The deadline for the January Newsletter is Friday December 30th. If you have material for the newsletter, you can e-mail it to Lion Dave Chervinsky, the editor/publisher, at dschervin@yahoo.com.

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