



# The Grand Island Lion

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**The split club is now \$63 and counting...**

Lion Annette drew the 7 of hearts at our last meeting.

### Upcoming event:



#### **December:**

**Wednesday Dec. 12th:  
Lions Christmas Party**

**G.I. Holiday Inn**

**Please write a check for the  
Neighbors Foundation.**

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



Three longtime members of our club were presented with longevity awards at our November 14th meeting. Pictured from left to right are Lions Tom Butler (30 years), President Tom Witkowski, Al Ackerman (40 years), and John McCarthy (45 years).



Dear Lions,

I trust that all of you had a very enjoyable Thanksgiving. As Lions of our club, we have so much to be thankful for: Thanks to all who attended our 11/14 meeting for the unanimous vote in favor of our revised constitution. Your vote concluded a lot of time and effort ensuring our club is up-to-date with Lions International's policies and procedures; that we can do business by electronic means especially during times when we can't physically meet necessary quorums, and so much more. I would like to extend special thanks to Lions Paul Bassette, Dave Chervinsky, and Henry Lobl in participating in the Constitution and Bylaws Committee. It would not have been possible without their guidance and perseverance.

Thanks to Lions Sean and Brian for heading up our annual Christmas Tree sales at Kelly's. I have heard so many compliments about the quality of the trees and, more than that, the customer satisfaction working with Kelly's and us Lions.

A thank you to the Lobl's for heading our Wendy's-Bon Ton-White Cane fundraisers and making them successful and over budget!

Thanks to Lion Dick Crawford for his efforts in getting our trees planted, ensuring our Graffiti Buster project is on track, and your work in exploring options where we meet.

To Lion Anne, thank you for getting us involved with the 200th War of 1812 celebration. It was truly a rewarding and fascinating experience.

Thanks to Lions Paul, Dan, Diane, and Donna for their support and participation with our Peace Poster Contest.

To our newsletter editor/punmeister/scrap truck driver Lion Dave, kudos for the great job you do and the help in getting scrap to the junkyard so we can perform more service in our community.

Thank you Lion Annette for your service heading our annual Special Kids Picnic – awesome! And to all the Lions who served that day...ditto for you too!

To our Lions Norm, Jerry, Diane, and Paul who stuffed envelopes for the annual fund drive for our district's Blind and Charity Fund...many, many thanks!

And to all you Lions who make a difference through your presence at meetings, who toil behind the lines, who contribute helping someone have a better life, and whose service makes us all proud to be called Lions! Thank you!

Now that Christmas and New Year's is upon us, Diana and I wish all of you a peaceful and blessed holiday season! No matter what your religious affiliations or inclinations may be, may you all experience the true meaning for the season: Peace on Earth and Goodwill to all. Merry Christmas everyone!

Sincerely yours in service,  
Lion President Tom



*Lions,*

*Our Christmas Party will be held at the Grand Island Holiday Inn on December 12th. Lion Fred and Tammy Ruocco will again entertain us and as part of our ongoing mission to serve our community Lion Fred is asking that we all bring a check to donate to the Neighbors Foundation. Come and enjoy the party with Our Club. Cocktails at 6PM Dinner at 7PM.*

Bon Ton Project raises \$515

The coupon book sales saw another successful year. We have yet to receive the store check. Thank-You to all the Lions who bought books and to these members who sold at the store Anne Fahning, Dave Chervinsky, Shelia Ferrentino, Henry and Annette Lobl.

**Meeting changes for January:**

**Lions , Please make note of the changes to our meeting schedule. Our January 9th meeting will be held at 12 Noon at Say Cheese Pizza. Our January 23rd meeting will be held at the usual time but at the Holiday Inn.**

**Lion Annette**

Member Highlight- Tom Rusert

Although Tom is somewhat laconic, when he does speak it is usually to add levity to the conversation. Tom has been a member since December 1998. He has held the positions of Board Director, Membership Chair in 2007 and 2008 and is currently second VP. He is Chairman of the floor project for the Spaghetti Dinner. He has been consistently involved in being a boat Captain or working with the boats. Tom and his wife Peggy helped with the Club bicentennial project in Lewiston. He is a loyal attendee at Club meetings having achieved perfect attendance for 10 years. We look forward to your sense of humor when you become President.

Lion Annette



**Do you recognize the visual pun in this picture?  
Go to the bottom of this page for the answer.**



Our Grand Island Lions pose in the Christmas Tree Lot at Kelly's Country Store. This is the third year Kelly's has been selling trees with all proceeds going to Our Club to benefit our "Special Kids Picnic." Christmas tree Chairman Brian Grim noted that the lot is expanded and there are stands for all the trees on display. He expects to sell around 300 trees and recommends people wanting a tree to check the web site (<http://www.kellyscountrystore.com/>) for hours and times to see Santa and his Reindeer. From left to right are Lions Brooks Rimes, Dick Crawford, Annette Boies-Lobl, Brian Grim and Dave Chervinsky.

One of the Club's on-going projects is to deliver meals to shut-ins on the Island on the first and third Friday of each month. There are two routes North and South. Each route has between 8-10 people. Some people live in the same apt. complex so the time to deliver each route runs between 45 minutes and one hour. Meals are picked up at Riverwood Nursing Facility on Grand Island BLvd. between 11:15 and 11:30 am. Meals are marked and there is a list of names and locations for each person..

We are looking for two members to cover the two routes on the following dates

- January 18
- February 01
- February 15
- March 01
- March 15

Please reply to Lion President Tom Witkowski if you can cover one or more of these dates.

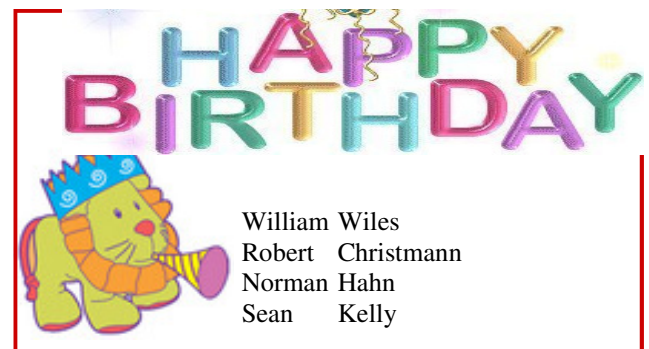
Thank-You for all your participation. Lion Annette



Thanks to Lions Donna Lavalley, Tom Witkowski, Fred Ruocco and Annette Lobl for contributions to this newsletter. The deadline for the January Newsletter is Friday December 28th. If you have material for the newsletter, you can e-mail it to Lion Dave Chervinsky, the editor/publisher, at [dschervin@yahoo.com](mailto:dschervin@yahoo.com).

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