



The Grand Island Lion

December 2013

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The split club is now \$141 and counting...

Lion Dan drew the Ace of Diamonds at our November 13th meeting.



WE SERVE



Upcoming events:

December:

Wednesday December 11th:

Lions Christmas Party
Byblos Resort and Spa
Cocktails 6:00PM Dinner 7PM

Wednesday December 25th:

No Meeting Scheduled
Merry Christmas!

Sunshine:



Please remember Larry and Coleen Furnia in your thoughts and prayers.



President' Message:

Hope everyone had a nice Thanksgiving and ate a lot of turkey.

Hank Kammerer gave an excellent talk on November 13th. It was a surprise to me learning that the Neighbors Foundation has been helping for 35 years. They provide food and other emergency assistance to those in dire need. We presented them with a check to help continue their fine work.

On Wednesday, December 13th we will have our annual holiday party with Lion Fred and Tammy as our MCs. It's always a lot of fun.

On a sad note, we lost Lion Larry Furnia, after a long illness. Lion Larry gave much to the club and community and he will be deeply missed. Our heartfelt sympathies go out to his wife, Colleen and his family.

Once again Kelly's Country Store is selling Christmas trees and sharing a portion of the proceeds with the Lions. Volunteers from our club are needed to support the sale and hand out booklets. See Lion Dave's email and contact him to take a shift.

Hope to see you all at Byblos Niagara on the 13th.

Happy Holidays to all!

Yours in service,
Lion President Brooks



Loan Closet Update:

I wish to pass on my thanks to Lions Paul Bassette, Dave Chervinsky, Dick Crawford, Fred Ruocco, Tom Rusert for helping to clear out our Loan Closet. All the excess walkers, canes, crutches, bath chairs, one wheelchair and other miscellaneous items were successfully donated to Vietnam Veterans Of America. All the electric wheelchairs/scooters, plus three that were picked up at donor's homes have been given away "as is" to deserving people. All excess portable johns have been dismantled for their scrap metal content which means in the near future, our club treasury will be enriched and that's always a great thing. And all those we have helped because of our club's efforts? Priceless! Thanks again my fellow Lions!

Lion Tom W.

Pictured at left are Dre and Greg from VVA

Below is a picture distributed with an ad for our Loan Closet.



GRAND ISLAND LIONS CHRISTMAS PARTY

BYBLOS RESORT AND SPA

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 13TH

COCKTAILS 6PM DINNER 7PM

\$20 PER PERSON

PLEASE BRING A GIFT FOR THE NEIGHBORS FOUNDATION. THIS YEAR THEY ARE ASKING FOR A GIFT CARD TO A LOCAL STORE (TARGET, TOYS R US ETC) OR A CHECK.

LION FRED AND TAMMY WILL HAVE ANOTHER ENJOYABLE PROGRAM FOR US.



Now that I'm older here's what I've discovered:

1. I started out with nothing and I still have most of it.
2. My wild oats have turned into prunes and all-bran.
3. I finally got my head together and now my body is falling apart.
4. Funny, I don't remember being absent-minded.
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6. If all is not lost, where is it?
7. It is easier to get older than it is to get wiser.
8. Some days, you're the dog; some days you're the tree.
9. I wish the buck stopped here; I sure could use a few.
10. Kids in the back seat cause accidents.
11. Accidents in the back seat cause kids.
12. It's hard to make a comeback when you haven't been anywhere.



Lion Tom W



Lion President Brooks Rimes presents a \$100 check to Henry Kammerer of the Neighbor Foundation. Kammerer was the guest speaker at our November 13th meeting.

Thanks to Lions Annette Boies-Lobl, Tom Witkowski, Donna Lavalley and Brooks Rimes for contributions to this newsletter. The deadline for the January Newsletter is Friday December 27th. If you have material for the newsletter, you can e-mail it to Lion Dave Chervinsky, the editor/publisher, at:
grandislandliondave@gmail.com.

Grand Island Lions web site:

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FYI Scientific Study:

Researchers for the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority found over 200 dead crows near greater Boston recently, and there was concern that they may have died from Avian Flu. A Bird Pathologist examined the remains of all the crows, and, to everyone's relief, confirmed the problem was definitely NOT Avian Flu. The cause of death appeared to be vehicular impacts. However, during the detailed analysis it was noted that varying colors of paints appeared on the bird's beaks and claws. By analyzing these paint residues it was determined that 98% of the crows had been killed by impact with trucks, while only 2% were killed by an impact with a car.

MTA then hired an Ornithological Behaviorist to determine if there was a cause for the disproportionate percentages of truck kills versus car kills.

The Ornithological Behaviorist very quickly concluded the cause: When crows eat road kill, they always have a look-out crow in a nearby tree to warn of impending danger. They discovered that while all the lookout crows could shout "Cah", not a single one could shout "Truck."

Lion Dave

Corresponding Secretaries Report:

The Club received an acknowledgement form from the Neighbors Foundation for the donation of \$100. Also received was a thank-you from the Pugliese Family.
Annette Lobl

Bon Ton:

So far we have sold \$682 worth of books and donations for this event. Thanks goes out to Anne Fahning, Dave Chervinsky and Henry and Annette Lobl for instore selling and the 20 members who bought books. We have yet to hear from Bon ton for our share of the sale days event.

Lion Annette

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY



William Wiles
Robert Christmann
Norman Hahn
Sean Kelly