



# The Grand Island Lion

December 2015

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## Split Club Jackpot is \$103.50

Lion Tom Witkowski drew the seven of clubs at our last meeting. The Lion that draws the Ace of hearts will win the pot.



## Upcoming Events: ***WE SERVE***

**Wednesday December 9th**

**Lions Christmas Party**

Byblos Resort and Spa

Cocktails 6:00 Dinner 7PM

Program: See Page 2

**Wednesday December 16th**

BOD Meeting

7PM @ LP Tom's House

Hello Lions,

December is a time for giving but we as Lions know that giving goes year round. So far we have donated about twenty old cell phones to Erie Co. Deputy Joe Chuboda for use by victims of domestic violence. Joe is very appreciative with our effort and said many of the phones have already been reprogrammed and are in use. Also three large boxes of nonperishable food items were dropped off at the Neighbors Foundation food pantry. Their need is never ending so let's keep the giving going throughout meetings this year and beyond.

Enjoy the Holidays and please be safe.

Merry Christmas,

Lion President Tom



## Journey of a Lion

Earl DeGlopper was born on Grand Island, served in WWII and retired from Higgins Erectors in Niagara Falls. He was married to Rita for 65 years. They had 3 sons, Earl, Peter and Douglas. Earl was a member of the local American Legion and VFW. Earl joined our club in January 1978. He served as a Lion Tamer and Director and sponsored two new members. Tom Butler, one of these members is still active with the Club. He had a 6-year perfect attendance record until he and his wife Rita wintered in Florida. He made our White Cane Pipes, which is a unique design. He was an active member, participating in White Cane Days fundraisers. He and Rita never missed a party. Earl died on November 24th after a 3-day illness. Rest in Peace Lion Earl

# GRAND ISLAND LIONS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Hosted by Lion Fred and Tammy Ruocco



DECEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>  
COCKTAILS 6PM  
DINNER 7PM

BYBLOS RESORT AND SPA

**THEME:**

**Ugly Christmas sweater/outfit**

**No sport coats**

COST \$20



**A monetary gift for the  
Neighbors Foundation is requested.**

**Bring used outerwear clothing for Journey's End  
a refugee resettlement organization.**

**A gift for the SPCA as listed below**

**NO DOG OR CAT FOOD.....The SPCA is very  
lucky! Purina ONE is the official food sponsor of  
the SPCA and donates all of our animals' food!**

## **Always Needed**

Pooper-Scoopers....long-handled, please!  
Paper towels  
Washcloths  
Newspaper  
Blankets (no comforters, electric blankets, I  
Hand and bath towels  
Pillowcases  
Small fleece cat beds  
Dog biscuits (small or medium size)  
Plastic pet carriers (medium size)  
Stuffed animals (6" or larger)  
Baby receiving blankets  
8.5" x 11" copy paper (white and colored)  
Feliway Spray

## **Kennel Items**

Ceramic food and water bowls  
Gift cards to Home Depot in any amount!

## **Cat Wish List**

Laser pointers  
Small paw print stickers  
Washable interactive cat toys (wands, feathers)  
Yards or scraps of fleece material (at least 2" x 4")  
Feline pheromone spray

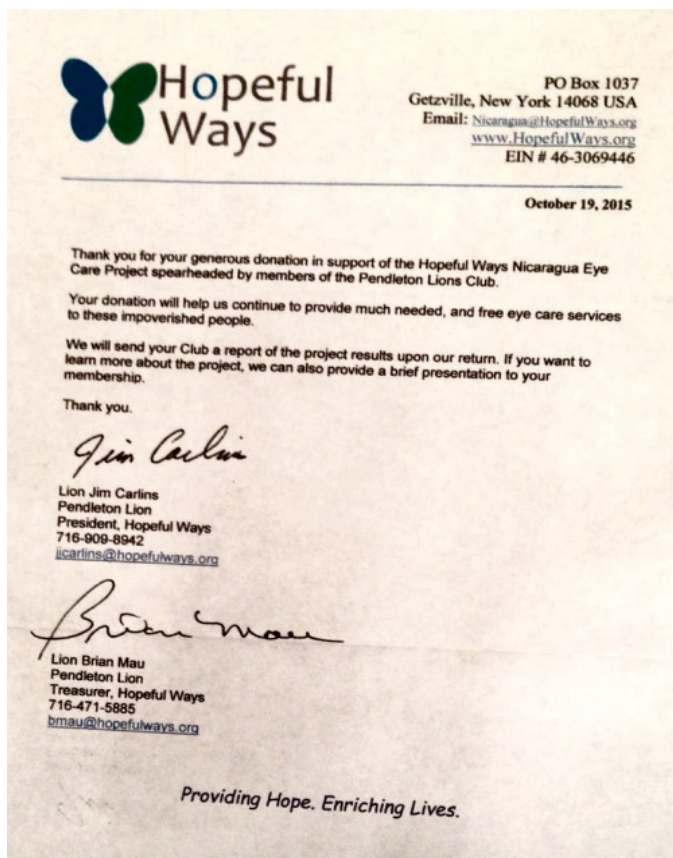






Above- Lions dignitaries pose for a picture at our November 11th Dinner Meeting at BYBLOS Resort and SPA . From left are Zone Chair Jeff Jarvis, Global Membership Chair Sharon Battaglia, District 20N Governor Nancy Luckman and Grand Island Lions Club President Tom Rusert. DG Luckman as the keynote speaker addressed the club with her vision of Lionism and volunteering in the community.

On left- A thank you note from Hopeful ways.







On November 3rd, the Grand Island Lions donated durable medical equipment to the Tuscorora Health Center in Lewiston. The Lions maintain an active loan closet at the Nike Base on Whitehaven Road and donate, free of charge, to anyone in need, medical equipment such as wheelchairs, walkers, shower seats, commodes, crutches and canes. Anyone interested in obtaining an item can call Fred Ruocco 773-5937, Dick Crawford 773-4121 or Dave Chervinsky 773-7185. Excess equipment is often shipped out to other communities in need. Pictured with the equipment at the Health Center are from left, Lions Paul Krupa, Dave Chervinsky and Henry Lobl.

## SUPER BOWL 50 RAFFLE



**TOP PRIZE  
WORTH OVER \$14,000**

# SANTA CLARA, CA

**FEBRUARY 7, 2016**

**FIRST PRIZE "Complete Super Bowl Package"**

- 2 Upper level tickets to the game with transportation
- 3 night deluxe accommodations at the Fremont Marriot Silicon Valley Hotel
- Round trip airfare from anywhere in the continental U.S.
- Free Carfare to the game as well complimentary breakfasts, welcome gifts, on site concierge services and much, much more!

**DRAWING TO BE HELD ON 01/16/2016**

**Second Prize: \$2000.00    Third Prize: \$1000.00**

**Fourth Prize & Fifth Prizes: \$500.00**

**Sixth thru Eleventh Prizes: \$250.00**

**Special  
6 Tickets  
\$100.00**

**COST: ONLY \$20.00 PER TICKET**



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**All proceeds to benefit Brandel-Murphy Youth Foundation**

**Make checks payable to: Brandel-Murphy Youth Foundation, PO Box 913, RVC, NY 11571**

**We are a 501c3 organization. Contributions are deductible to the extent allowed by law.**

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY



**Robert Goulding  
William Wiles  
Robert Christmann  
Norman Hahn**

Thanks to Lions Tom Rusert, Tom Witkowski, Fred Ruocco, Annette Boies-Lobl and Donna Lavalley for contributions to this newsletter. The deadline for the January Newsletter is Saturday December 26th. If you have material for the newsletter, you can e-mail it to Lion Dave Chervinsky, the editor/publisher, at:

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