



The Grand Island Lion December 2017

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Upcoming Events:

Wednesday December 13th

Lions Christmas Party
Location: The Radisson Inn
Cocktails 6:00 Dinner 7 PM
Program: District Gov. Visit

Wednesday January 24th

Lions General Meeting
Location Elderwood (tentative)
Program TBA

Wednesday February 28th

Lions Valentines Party
Location Mallwitz's Lanes

Wednesday March 14th

Lions General Meeting
Location BLC

Wednesday April 11th

Location Town Café (tentative)
Program TBA

Wednesday April 25th

GI/Merritton Joint Meeting
Merritton Community Centre
Cocktails 6PM Dinner 6:30PM

Wednesday May 9th

Location Radisson Inn

Wednesday May 25th

Location BLC

Wednesday June 13th

Installation Dinner
Location BLC

December, 2017 President's Message

Well the end of 2017 is in sight I am looking forward to our annual Christmas Party at the Radisson hotel on Wednesday, December 13, 2017 beginning at 6 pm. Lion Brooks and Brenda Rimes are hosts and plan a fun filled evening. November was a busy month for the Lions. We had a successful Bon Ton Coupon books fundraiser. (See Lion Kelly's report.) I want to thank Lion Kelly for chairing the project and Lions Anne, Kelly, Dick and Annette for selling books at the store and all members who bought or sold books. Also of note is Lion Tom Witkowski's School supply project with Teacher's Desk for kids living in Buffalo from Puerto Rico. Lion Tom continues his work with vision screening. Lion Cindy Sharpe has been approved as a vision screener and will be working with Tom in the Grand Island schools. We want to recognize Lion Brooks for his donation of time and expertise in computer programming at the Olmsted Center and for Lion Anne working with Hopeful Ways. Thanks to Lion Tom Rusert who continues to collect for the Neighbors' Foundation. Also Lion Dave continues to provide information to the media and our great Newsletter! Thanks to all our volunteers and financial supporters. November was Diabetes Awareness month and a presentation was given by Lion Annette. Important to remember for Type 2 diabetes are: Early stage diabetes may be controlled thru exercise, diet and weight control. The best way to diagnose diabetes at your annual physical exam is using an A1C blood test. Complications of untreated diabetes include irreversible kidney disease, blindness, neuropathy, cardiovascular disease and circulatory issues I want to wish all the members and their families a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.



Sunshine:



Our heartfelt condolences to Lion Bob Goulding on the loss of his Wife Betty.



Split Club Jackpot is \$231.00



The Lion who draws the ace of hearts at our general meeting, will win the pot. Lion Tom Rusert drew the two of diamonds at our last meeting.



The Grand Island Lions collected school supplies and personal items for kids who continue to arrive in the Buffalo area from the catastrophic devastation caused by the recent hurricanes in Texas, Florida, and Puerto Rico. The children are being temporarily housed with relatives while their homes and lands rebuild. Most of the children are arriving from Puerto Rico where their entire island remains in so much need. Some of these kids have come here with nothing much more than the clothes they left with. Faced with the potential of accommodating over 300 kids in the Buffalo area, Teacher's Desk is in need of school and personal items to stem the trauma the children continue to face. Teacher's Desk, fueled by a donation from Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority, is a store where teachers shop free, obtaining free school supplies for students in need. The Lions donations have been coordinated by Lion Tom Witkowski. Pictured with some of the items collected are from left: Lions Dave Chervinsky, Donna Lavallee, Kelly McGarvey, Shelia Ferrentino, Witkowski, Anne Fahning, Henry Lobl, and Annette Boies-Lobl. Island residents Marcela Hernandez, Ashley Digati, Kelly Thorn Lynch, and Judy and Tony Colucci (pictured) delivered donated items. Receiving a large shopping cart full of backpacks and school supplies



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DRAWING TO BE HELD ON JANUARY 13, 2018

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

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

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Go our website for further info at www.brandelmurphyfoundation.org

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.

Members should continue to bring nonperishable food items to our meetings for benefit of the Neighbors Foundation Food Bank, and used cell phones can be re-purposed by the Erie County Sheriff's domestic violence unit.

Also Bottle Junction credits our club 6 cents on every deposit can or bottle returned. The advantage of this donation is you do not have to wait. Just tell them to donate the proceeds to the Lions. Our last return from this was \$94.02. Thank you to all who participated.

Lion Tom Rusert



WE SERVE

Bon ton fundraiser Report

196 books sold for total of \$980.

97 sold to members for total of \$485.

99 sold at store for a total of \$495.

Thanks to all for a successful project.

Thanks to Lions Tom Witkowski, Henry Lobl, Annette Boies-Lobl, Tom Rusert and Donna Lavallee for contributions to this newsletter. The deadline for the January Newsletter is Thursday December 28th. If you have material for the newsletter, you can e-mail it to Lion Dave Chervinsky, the editor/publisher, at:

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**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**



Robert Goulding
Sarah A. Sweeney
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