



# The Grand Island Lion

## February 2024

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- Feb 14th**      **Bowling Social @ Mallwitz Lanes (details to follow from Lion Dick)**
- March 13<sup>th</sup> on Vision**      **Lion Adrienne Cassata presentation**  
6:30 pm at Howard Hanna  
General meeting & BOD meeting
- March 27<sup>th</sup>**      6:30 pm at Howard Hanna  
General Meeting only
- April 10<sup>th</sup>**      **Review Slate/vote on Officers '24-'25**  
6:30 pm at Howard Hanna  
General Meeting & BOD meeting
- April 22<sup>nd</sup> at River Oaks**      **Annual Spaghetti Dinner at Ellden's**
- April 24<sup>th</sup>**      **Akron Lions Club-Lion John Diggs w/ fundraiser presentation**  
6:30 pm at Howard Hanna  
General Meeting only



Happy February Lions. . . . .

Well this is the month for celebrating “LOVE” – February 14th. Again this year the Lions will be meeting at Mallwitz Lanes on Valentine’s Day for a fun evening of bowling and camaraderie. And of course.....spouses and/or significant others are encouraged to partake in this fun!



For those that missed the axe throwing party in January at the Grand Throw House missed a fun evening. Unfortunately I was out of town but I heard it was a fun evening and there were a few “Bullseyes” made!

On a sad note, January 10th our member Lion Paul Bassette’s wife, Judy Bassette of 55 years passed away. Even though she wasn’t a member, she participated in many of our Lion events yearly. She will be deeply missed by her family, our Lion family and the Grand Island Community. Please keep Lion Paul in your prayers.

Hopefully in February the blizzards are behind WNY and we can look forward to better weather for outdoor activities and travel.

Again please continue to watch your email for important updates and meeting information. If you have an idea for a new club service project or a guest speaker, please send an email or call me and we will get it on the agenda.

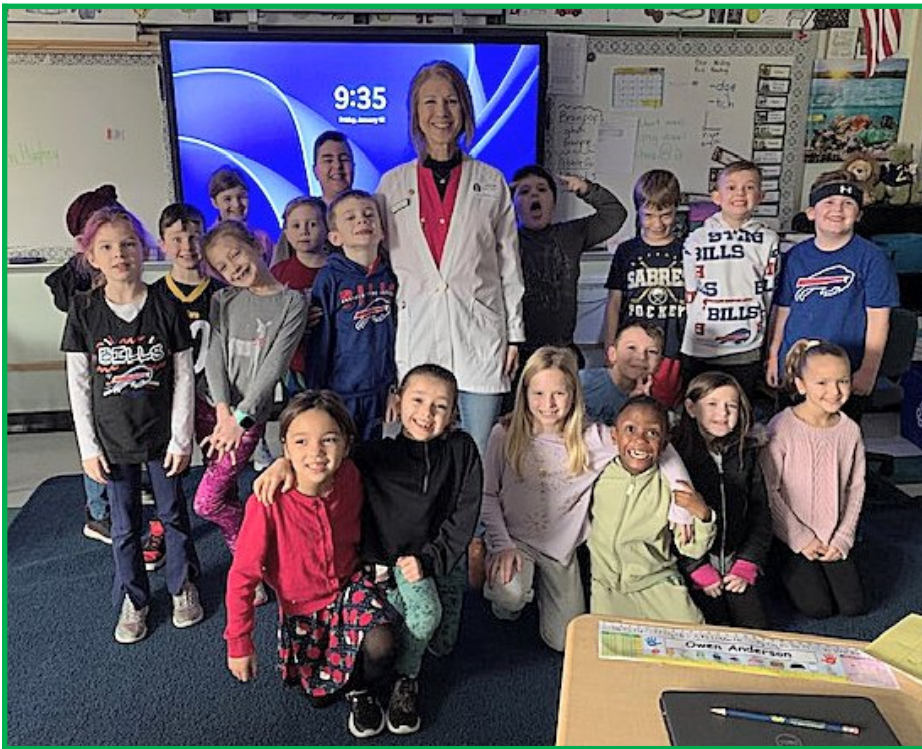
Stay warm and safe!  
LP Kelly

We mourn the loss of Judy Bassette, the wife of Lion Paul Bassette. Judy was a thoughtful and caring person who participated in many Lions events. She would set up “prayer chains” through her church for many of our Lions in their time of need. She will be greatly missed.



Lion Henry continues to have health issues and is now on Long Island so he can be closer to his Daughter. If anyone wants to send him a note you can address it c/o his daughter.

Henry Lobl  
c/o Beth Thompson  
1315 7th St  
West Babylon, NY 11704



Hi All,  
 Lion Tom trained, yet again, another vision screener at both Kaegebein and Huth Elementary schools on Feb 10 & 11th, respectfully. Above is Lion Jeanine posing with her grandson Jeffrey's second grade class, after their vision screening. So much fun.

Respectfully,  
 Lion Jeanine Justen

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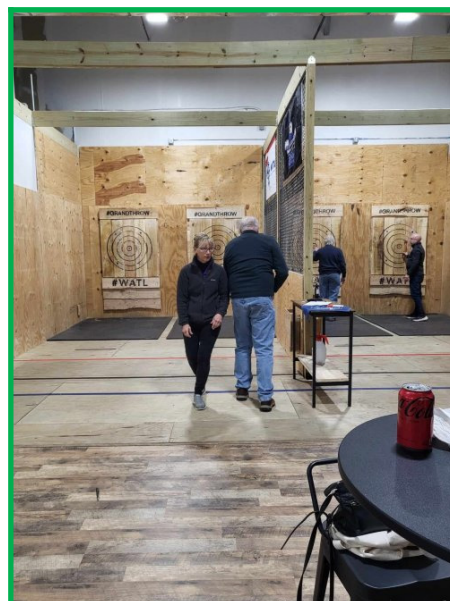
## VISION SCREENINGS IN PROGRESS

Annual vision screenings have been completed for all grades up to 2 in the Grand Island Central School District. Screenings took place at Sidway, Kaegebein and Huth Road schools January 10-12. In total, 680 children were screened with 54 being referred for further evaluation by qualified ophthalmologists. Thus is less than the 20% referral rate being witnessed in our western New York area and New York State.

Many people are involved in this process and it is with thanks to Cheryl Cardone, Assistant Superintendent of Pupil Personnel Services, the school district's IT staff, the principals, the nurses and the wonderful teachers for allowing us into their classrooms to complete this important work. A Lions roar to the Lions screeners including our Lion Susan Standora who helped accomplish the job at Sidway and to our own Lion Janine Justen who worked with me at Huth and Kaegebein. The job ahead is for the parents and guardians to get the referred children a more comprehensive eye exam and treatment.

Screenings are currently being set up for St. Stephen's and the preschool and daycare centers on the island. If you would be interested in becoming a screener, I'd be happy to show you how. With over 25 years experience and with the advent of new technology, I can show you how easy it is to screen one child in one minute or less. Your small investment of time and effort can make a difference in a child's life. Case in point was one teacher approached me and recollected me doing screenings in her class when she was attending Sidway! Compliments like this and others we all receive is the payment we get for our service. It can't get better than that!

Lion Tom Witkowski



Pictures from our January 10th meeting at the Grand Island Axe Throw House  
 Pictures courtesy of Lion Shelia Ferrentino





**Super Hero Raffle**  
*Be A Super Hero For Children In Need*  
 Drawing will be held Super Bowl Sunday, February 11, 2024

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**Donations for the Neighbors Foundation are on the upswing so please continue to bring any of the listed items to our meetings or drop off Tops gift cards, food items and checks/cash to me and I will deliver to them. They are also in need of diapers, toiletries and personal care items.**

**Thank you, Lion Tom Rusert**



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Lion Tom Rusert

Thanks to Lions Tom Rusert, Shelia Ferrentino, Dick Crawford, Tom Witkowski, Jeanine Justin and Kelly McGarvey for contributions to this newsletter. The deadline for the March Newsletter is Friday January 23rd. If you have material for the newsletter, you can e-mail it to Lion Dave Chervinsky, the editor/publisher at: [grandislandliondave@gmail.com](mailto:grandislandliondave@gmail.com).

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