

# The Grand Island Lion



**Wednesday –  
February 14th**

**Holiday Inn  
Cocktails 6:30 and dinner at 7:00.  
Program: Valentines Party**



**WE SERVE**

**Wednesday February 28th  
Buffalo Launch Club  
Cocktails 6:30 and dinner at 7:00.  
Program: Susan Sullivan UNYTS**

January 22, 2007

To: Grand Island Lions Club Campaign SightFirst II Committee  
From: Lion Tom Witkowski, Sight Chair  
Subject: Minutes of 1/18/07 meeting  
Attendees: Lions Mike Steinagel, Dave Chervinsky, Shelia Ferrantino, and Tom Witkowski

Location: Lion Tom's home

The meeting opened with members stating their concerns about this project. Lion Mike was concerned about the club's financials with a deficit if we all support all the budgeted items. Discussion about all our new fundraisers (Bon-Ton discounts, Antique Appraisal, Pizza Hut) may not be enough to take care of all requests. With a total of \$850.00 budgeted for CSF II (\$500.00), Walk For Sight (\$150.00), and MTI Photoscreening (\$200.00), contacting prospects for donations was discussed by the committee. Lion Tom will email a revised "letter to the community" to all committee members that is currently being used to solicit sponsors and donations for the Walk For Sight. Lion Tom also suggested we proceed with planning a 2-day collection of refundable containers and scrap copper and aluminum to self-support the monetary goals of the committee. This would be done one weekend each month. We will also need to contact all club members for individual commitments in supporting CSF II.

Articles will be written for the local papers (Dispatch, Metro, Record, Buffalo News) discussing CSF II and our club's goals to ensure that we are doing all we can to fight preventable blindness and promote sight retention.

Lion Tom reinforced the notion that we are part of the bigger picture; that when we talk to people that we say that we are part of a 1.3 million member team working to save the sight of millions of people around the globe. We should also keep in mind the three tenets of any contacts we make with the public: Here's the problem, here's our plan, how you (the contact) can help us. Lion Shelia suggested that we not ask for a specific amount but rely on our knowledge of CSF II and state that for every "X" number of dollars, we will be able to provide "X" number of eyeglasses, or "X" number of treatments, etc.

The next CSF II meeting will be held February 27<sup>th</sup> at Lion Tom's home.



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**The Lions Club of Merritton**  
**7 Park Ave St. Catharines On L2P 1P9**

Dear Lions:

The Lions Club of Merritton is proud to announce that our ANNUAL BOWLING TOURNAMENT is scheduled for SUNDAY, MARCH 18, 2007. Once again, this event will take place at the Merritton Lions Community Centre.

We invite your club to join us for fun and fellowship with other Lions from the District and beyond. It's sure to be a great way to say good-bye to Winter. Now is the time to get a 5 pin team or teams together and send your entry form in. Food and refreshments will, of course, be available throughout the day.

A team will consist of 5 bowlers. The cost per team is \$50.00 which pays for 3 games of bowling, plus prizes. Indicate your start time preference on the entry form. The morning start time is 10:00 o'clock and the afternoon draw starts at 1:00 o'clock. We will do our best to accommodate your time preference. However, all entries will be handled on a first come, first served basis. Get your entry in early to avoid disappointment. Entry is limited to the first 16 teams. Prizes for those with a competitive nature will be awarded for the High Single, High Triple and 1<sup>st</sup> Place team overall.

We look forward to hearing from you in the near future. A reply would be appreciated by Sunday, March 4, 2007

Yours in Lionism, Lion Mark Ridolfi Bowling Tournament Chairman (905) 641-1278 Email [mridolfi@berkshire.ca](mailto:mridolfi@berkshire.ca) or Lion Glenn Connell (905) 935-5054 Email [grizwald\\_ca@yahoo.ca](mailto:grizwald_ca@yahoo.ca)



**LIONS AND GUESTS AT OUR JOINT MERRITTON-GRAND ISLAND MEETING ON JANUARY 14TH 2007. (TOP LEFT 20N DG KIM STRIBING WITH MERRITTON PRESIDENT BOB FLYNN).**



**Lions enjoying our 2006 Christmas Party at the BLC.**

Entry Form      Lions Club of Merritton Bowling Tournament 18 March 2007

Club Name \_\_\_\_\_ Number Of Teams \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Lion \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ \$50.00 Entry Fee Enclosed      \_\_\_\_\_ Shift Preferred AM

\_\_\_\_\_ Will Pay Upon Arrival      \_\_\_\_\_ Shift Preferred PM

(Note: Preferred Times Will Be On A First Come First Served Basis)

Send Entry Form To:      Lion Mark Ridolfi 905 680-4188  
 30 Fairburn  
 St Catharines On L2T 1B1      mridolfi@berkshire.ca

**\*\* Make Cheques Payable To "The Lions Club Of Merritton"**

**The Grand Island Lion****MORE CHRISTMAS PARTY AT THE BLC**

A farmer was guiding his wagon on a dirt road. He only had one blind old horse to pull the wagon and inevitably he ran off the road and got the wagon stuck in a rut. A passer-by came over and offered to help but the farmer said his horse "Paint" would get him out. The farmer then cracked his whip and said " come-on Diablo, PULL; come-on Flicka, PULL; come on Max, PULL; come on Paint, PULL." With that the old horse sprang into motion and pulled the wagon out of the rut. The stranger looked in amazement that the old horse could pull out the large wagon but more puzzled by the farmers antics and asked, "Why did you call out all those horse names when you only have one horse?" The farmer said, "Given the weight of that wagon, my horse would surely give up if he thought he was the only horse pulling."

**Lion Notes:**

-Lion Jerry Dubiel collects printer and toner cartridges for our club. Every qualifying cartridge brings \$1 to our club. Please bring in your used cartridges for recycling.

-The Pizza Hut fund raiser is scheduled for February 19th.

Spaghetti Dinner is March 12th.

The Moose on Grand Island has given our club a \$500 donation in memory of Laverne "Bunny" Luther who was a member of both clubs on the Island.

Thanks to Lions Al Ackerman, Anne Fahning, Shelia Ferrentino, Dick Crawford, Glenn Connell Dave Chervinsky, Kathie Norris, Norm Hahn and Tom Witkowski all of whom contributed to this newsletter. The deadline for the March Newsletter is Thursday March 1st. If you have material for the newsletter, you can e-mail it to Dave Chervinsky, the editor/publisher, at [dschervin@yahoo.com](mailto:dschervin@yahoo.com)

**OUR CLUB WOULD LIKE THE MEMBERS TO EITHER DONATE A BASKET OR AN ITEM FOR A BASKET ,IF THEY CAN, FOR THE SPAGHETTI DINNER BASKET RAFFLE. . CONTACT LION ANNE FAHNING AT 773-1900 BY MARCH 5TH IF YOU HAVE A DONATION.**

**THE ANTIQUE APPRAISAL EVENT WILL BE ON MAY 6<sup>TH</sup> FROM 1-5PM AT THE HOLIDAY INN LOWER RIVER FRONT BALLROOM. PLAN ON HELPING OUT AT THIS EVENT TO MAKE THIS A BIG SUCCESS.  
LION SHELIA FERRENTINO**

**WE MADE \$677 FROM THE LAST BON-TON FUNDRAISER THE NEXT EVENT IS COMING MARCH 3, 2007. I PLAN TO GET 200 BOOK-LETS AGAIN & WILL GET A LIST OF OPEN DATES THE DAY OF OUR NEXT MEETING SO WE CAN SELL SOME DIRECTLY AT BON-TON, SINCE WE MISSED AN OPPORTUNITY FROM THE LAST ONE. WE COULD EASILY EARN CLOSE TO \$1000 THIS TIME AROUND. PLEASE TRY TO SIGN UP FOR ONE OF THE OPEN DATES TO SELL THESE CUPON BOOKS. FOR EVERY BOOK WE SELL WE GET \$5 FOR OUR CLUB!.  
LION KATHIE NORRIS.**

**Grand Island Lions Club  
P.O. Box 71  
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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