



# The Grand Island Lion

## February 2013

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The split club is now  
\$63 and counting...



We are all saddened by the loss of our dear friend and colleague, Lion John McCarthy. The accolades in your emails speak volumes about the man he was. He shall truly be missed. He presented me his pin-laden vest and several garrison caps at his last meeting and said I would know what to do with them. I was honored and humbled to be entrusted with a vest worn by a truly great individual and gentleman. I believe it should be

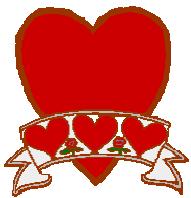
not auctioned off but, instead, used as a ceremonial vest for new Lions to wear when they are inducted. I truly feel they will feel welcomed into our club. Rest in peace our beloved Lion John! We have gone through changes this Lions year so far, and what would we do if February had none to offer? Well, it does. The Lions Blind and Charity Fund has successfully benefited our club for a number of years now thanks to the visionary leadership who started the fund and for the Lions of that era who voted to join. Due to fundraising efforts that bring much less than expected returns and leadership that readily admits to be burned out from the solitary but exemplary work they do, the executive committee has done their due diligence and have requested that all funds be turned over to the capable management of the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo who would maintain the Lions Blind and Charity Fund legacy. Our club would still benefit with yearly returns for the investments that have always been successful. UNYTS would still receive a portion as they always have. In other words the LB&CF would exist in perpetuity. Your Board of Directors has voted yes, but now as a club, we must vote to approve or disapprove of the transfer. Please contact me with your vote, personally, via phone or email as soon as possible on or before February 20. Of course, if you have any questions about the transfer, please contact me immediately.

Also, this Friday will see the first installment article in the Island-Wide edition of the Grand Island Dispatch about all we do as Lions here in our community, and throughout our district and around the globe. Be sure you catch it!

Oh is Spring so close? Yes!

Have a salubrious month everyone!

Lion President Tom



**WE SERVE**

### Upcoming events:

#### February:

**Wednesday Feb. 13th:**  
**Lions Valentines Party**  
**G.I. Holiday Inn**  
**Cocktails 6:30 Dinner 7PM**

**Wednesday Feb. 27th**  
**Lions General Meeting**  
**Say Cheese- Love Road**  
**Lunch Meeting at 12 Noon**

**Golden Oldie:**

Four women were traveling across the country. Each was from a different state: Idaho, Iowa, Florida and New York. Shortly after the trip began, the woman from Idaho started pulling

potatoes from her bag and throwing them out the window. "What the heck are you doing?" demanded the woman from Iowa.

"We have so many of these darn things in Idaho, I am just sick of looking at them.

A moment later, the gal from Iowa began pulling ears of corn from her bag and tossing them out the window. "What are you doing that for?" asked the gal from Florida. "We have so many of these things in Iowa, I am just sick of looking at them!" Inspired, the gal from Florida opened the car door and pushed the New Yorker out\*

Lion Al

**THOUGHTS FOR A SLOW WEEK:**

Wouldn't it be nice if whenever we messed up our life we could simply press Ctr-Alt-Delete and start all over?

Brain cells come and brain cells go, but fat cells live forever.

But Most Of All, Remember:

A Good Friend Is Like A Good Bra: Hard to Find, Supportive, Comfortable, And Always Close To Your Heart!

Garden Rule: When weeding, the best way to make sure you are removing a weed and not a valuable plant is to pull on it. If it comes out of the ground easily, it is a valuable plant.

The easiest way to find something lost around the house is to buy a replacement.

In the 60's, people took acid to make the world weird. Now the world is weird and people take Zoloft to make it normal.

Why doesn't glue stick to the inside of the bottle?  
Lion Dave

**Member Highlight**

Jerry Dubiel became a Lion in April, 1999. He held the position of Lion Tamer in 2001 and Vice-Presidents position in 2002, 2003, 2004 assuming the Presidency in 2005. He has been a Director for

4 different years, and nominating committee Chair in 2011. Gerry has been the Lion who greets and registers volunteers for the Special Kids Picnic for 5 years. He delivers Meals on Wheels for the Club. He is a constant loyal member achieving 10 years of perfect attendance. He is always ready to help with projects. We can rely on Jerry to "spark" Club meetings.

South Buffalo-Lackawanna Lion Judy Winnert is seeking donations of items for the bags handed out to every one attending our state convention in May. You, or someone you know, can donate items to be inserted in the goodie bags.

Items such as pens, pencils, notepads, key chains, and any other items of interest would be great. If you can supply 10 or more, it would be most helpful. There was no timeline stated but we should have all these things submitted by mid-April. So, if you can, bring them to any one of our meetings and I will bring them all to Lion Judy before then.

Thanks in advance for your consideration!

Lion President Tom

Thanks to Lions Tom Witkowski, Donna Lavalley, Al Ackerman and Annette Lobl for contributions to this newsletter. The deadline for the March Newsletter is Thursday February 28th. If you have material for the newsletter, you can e-mail it to Lion Dave Chervinsky, the editor/publisher, at: grandislandlion-dave@gmail.com.

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