



The Grand Island Lion

February 2014

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Split Club



Lion Donna Lavallee won \$145.00 at our January 8th meeting!

President's Message for February

On January 8th we had an enjoyable dinner and visit from DG Lion Dan Dunn and his wife Cheryl (who have been married for 35 years – congratulations!). A small but friendly group of 7 Lions attended.



Lion Dan's message was about membership. The Grand Island Lions are down 3 members from a year ago. Multiple District 20 (MD20) has lost 20 clubs in the last year. Our own District 20N has lost 3 clubs. There is no Tonawanda or Niagara Falls club at present.

Lions International has a "Just Ask" campaign which encourages all of us to invite friends, neighbors and relatives to attend a meeting and learn more about the Lions.

April 2014 has two monthly themes – "Bring a family member to a meeting" and "World Wide Induction Day".

The Board and Membership Chairman Lion Tom W are working on some ideas. In the meanwhile, think about who you know that might be a good candidate. Think about people the Lions may have helped.

The February 12th meeting will be at Byblos Niagara and will be our Valentine's Day meeting. Spouses and significant others welcome. Brenda and I will provide the entertainment. Hope to see you there.

Yours in service,
Lion President Brooks

P.S. DG Dan presented Service Awards from International President Barry Snyder. Unfortunately, only 2 of 10 Lions were present to receive them. The remainder will be presented at a future meeting.



WE SERVE

Upcoming events:

February:

Wednesday February 12th
Lions Valentines Party
Byblos Resort and Spa
Cocktails 6:30PM Dinner 7PM



February 23rd Noon-6PM

Doc Day for Kids
Buffalo Brew Pup
See page 5 for info

Wednesday February 26th

Lions BOD Dinner Meeting
Buffalo Launch Club
Cocktails 6:30PM Dinner 7PM
Program: BOD- All members are welcome to attend.

March 1st 6PM

Vision Beyond Sight Foundation
Eye Ball
See page 4 for info



Special Spaces is coming to Grand Island!

Ilana, a 17 year old who lives on the island, is suffering from epilepsy and Hodgkin's lymphoma. She has requested Special Spaces of Buffalo to redo her bedroom into a personal area of comfort and peace as she attends to her medical needs. Special Spaces has provided such makeovers for fifteen area children suffering from life-threatening illnesses since they began just two years ago. There is no charge for the makeover - it is all done through donations, donated goods, and volunteer labor. Our club's board of directors has approved \$100.00 to go toward the makeover. Gui's Ace Hardware has wholeheartedly agreed to underwrite any additional expenditure toward the successful completion of Ilana's room.

If you have some time and some talent on February 11, Special Spaces can use you or a friend or two. Also, if you have some photographic equipment you no longer need or want, it may be eligible for inclusion into Ilana's room as photography is her passion. If you are interested in participating, please contact Lion Tom Witkowski at 909-1862.

Help for fraud victims:

\$2.9 billion dollars is lost to fraud and scams by older Americans every year, according to AARP. Two new ways to submit evidence of fraud and to get help have recently become available. By contacting the U.S. Senate Special Committee On Aging's toll-free hotline at 855-303-947 or online at www.aging.senate.gov/fraud-hotline, experts will assist victims. AARP's Fraud Watch Network (www.aarp.org/fraudwatchnetwork) provides tips and resources on spotting fraud. You can subscribe to get free alerts on latest scams.

Lion Tom W.



Help us build a basket!

The Lions Vision Beyond Sight Foundation in conjunction with the Ross Eye Institute and UB will be holding its' inaugural "Eye Ball" gala on March 1st with a Mardi Gras theme (see accompanying ad with this article). The Foundation has respectfully requested all clubs to provide gifts or baskets of value of \$100.00 or more for the auction to be held in conjunction with the gala. Our club is constructing a gift basket with a decadent theme; e.g. Godiva/Lindt/Ghirardelli chocolates, imported cookies, meats, cheeses, liqueurs, etc. We are asking for a donation of \$5.00 minimum from all members of the club. Your donation is considered tax-deductible as the foundation is a 501(c)(3) charity that has raised over \$400,000 for purchases of equipment and technology for the Lions Diagnostic Eye Center housed within the Ross. As the Ross has grown now to four satellite offices within 10 years serving over 40,000 clients, most of whom are financially strapped; the need for additional equipment has become increasingly evident. Won't you please help with a donation of \$5.00 or more? Please send to Lion Tom Witkowski, 57 Fieldstone Drive, Grand Island with "basket" in the memo line. If you have any questions or items to contribute, please call Lion Tom at 909-1862. On behalf of the foundation: Thank you!

Help Unmask the Future of Sight!

2014 EYE BALL
PRESENTED BY THE
VISION BEYOND SIGHT FOUNDATION
TO BENEFIT THE ROSS EYE INSTITUTE

...and its mission to cure eye disease and provide world-class treatment for the WNY community.

Asbury Hall at Babeville
Saturday, March 1, 2014
Doors open at 6:00 pm

Save the date to celebrate with a Mardi Gras theme— and yes, masks are encouraged!
RossEye.com/upcoming-events

Save the Date!

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Saturday, March 1, 2014
Doors open at 6:00 pm

Formal dinner and presentation
Live music and dancing
Free valet parking
Black tie optional

Asbury Hall at Babeville
341 Delaware Avenue
Buffalo, New York 14202

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Visit RossEye.com/upcoming-events or call 878-2491 to pre-register.

The Eye Ball is a tax-deductible event.
It's an event not to be missed!

Can you figure out the relationship of the three numbers in the first two rectangles and, based on that, what missing number goes into the space with the question mark?

76	20	65
28	11	?
49	10	32

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Lion Dave

Wife texts husband on a cold winter's morning: "Windows frozen, won't open."

Husband texts back:

"Gently pour some lukewarm water over it."

Wife texts back 5 minutes later:

"Computer really screwed-up now."



Lion Tom

Dr. Andy's Day for Kids- February 23, 2014 Noon-6 PM at Buffalo Brew Pub.

Doc's Day for Kids was started about 15 years ago by Dr Andrew Gage (mine and Tom Rusert 's brother in law, now deceased) and Keith Morgan, manager of the Buffalo Brew Pub. It was designed to help kids (Dr Andy has 6). Dr Andy got fellow Doctors to bar-tend at the Brew Pub the last Sunday afternoon in February. All tips and donations initially went to Children's Hospital. The Brew Pub donated all profits from food and drink sales from the event. All waitresses kicked in their tips. The first year they raised about \$500.

They have continued to grow the event adding individual and corporate sponsors. They switched the donation to Sisters Hospital because they committed to dedicate the funds to improve the Neo Natal Unit. The hospital foundation began to match funds up to a designated level. The hospital staff joined in to provide baskets for raffles. Doctors from the hospital and other areas joined in to help. The event had grown to now raise \$25,000 to \$30,000. The funds are used to purchase specialized state of the art equipment for newborns, which to my understanding helps prevent or treat potential blindness.

The GI Lions have been donating to this cause for the last several years.

Lion Bill Wind

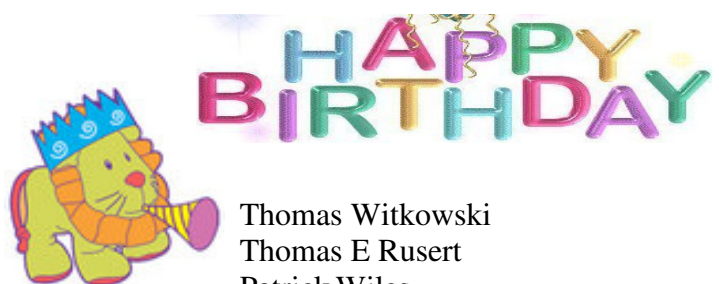


Answer to above puzzle:

Answer: 34. The top number in each column is the sum of the bottom two numbers, minus one. 28+49=77, 77-1=76; 11+10=21, 21-1=20; 34+32=66, 66-1=65

Thanks to Lions Annette Boies-Lobl, Donna Lavalley, Tom Witkowski, Bill Wind and Brooks Rimes for contributions to this newsletter. The deadline for the March Newsletter is Friday February 28th. If you have material for the newsletter, you can e-mail it to Lion Dave Chervinsky, the editor/publisher, at: grandislandliondave@gmail.com.

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