



The Grand Island Lion

February 2023

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Lions Social Event and Membership Meeting

Wednesday February 22nd 2023
6:30PM at Mallwitz Lanes

Lions Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

Monday April 24th 2023
River Oaks Golf Club
Details TBA

50/50



The split club was \$26. Lion Jim Ryan Pulled a silver nugget so the money goes back in the pot.

Lions,

The Blizzard of 2022 is now distant in our memories. It came in like a LION with hurricane force winds and snow. Both local and national weather forecasts gave advanced warning of the impact it would present to us. Preparation certainly was the topic of discussion. We pray for those families who lost loved ones.



The crippling effects of the storm paralyzed our region for the better part of a week. Leadership at the local, county and state level mobilized their forces to combat the enormity of this unique combination of wind and snow. The best laid plans were tested again and again due to no visibility to attack the forces of nature.

Neighbors checked on neighbors, shelters were opened to provide meals and a warm place to sleep for those areas greatly affected by power failures. The good Samaritan in all of us came out to assist our fellow man.

When you think about it, this is what we stand for as Americans and Lions. As a group we relish the fact that we can serve others in many capacities. From our busy loan closet to delivering meals on wheels, where there is a need you will find a member of a Lions Club.

As we enter the next half of our Lions year and start planning for the Spaghetti dinner and the kids picnic, I ask every member to lend their talents towards these projects. Our success as the Lions Club of Grand Island spreads throughout the world as we are part of the international message of "WE SERVE".

I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting, February 22nd at Mallwitz's Island Lanes for our annual bowling meeting.



The Brandel - Murphy Youth Foundation

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT. WE COULDN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU !

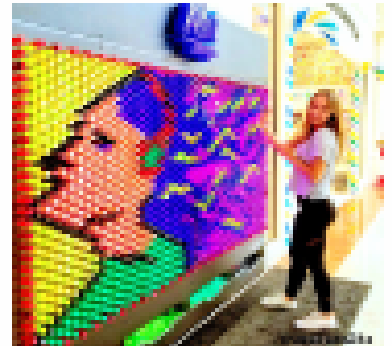
The Brandel - Murphy Youth Foundation achieves its mission of helping children in need by partnering with Lions Clubs, zones, and districts throughout MD-20 through our Grant Program. We encourage you to apply for our \$2,000 matching humanitarian standard grants and \$2,500 emergency grants. Since 2011, the BMFYF has awarded **157** grants.

\$286,000 in Grants = 188,400 Children Helped

"MAJOR GRANT" PROGRAM

The Foundation is very proud to announce that, having partnered with District 20-Y, the very first "Major Grant" in the amount of **\$17,000** was awarded to support the **Joslin Diabetes Center** in Syracuse. These funds will be used to create a new, expanded waiting area which will benefit a significant number of children in Upstate New York.

The pediatric waiting area at the **Joslin Diabetes Center** was only 180 square feet. The new, larger space will soon be 1260 square feet and allow the staff to see 8% more children in a more engaging environment. While at Joslin, children can enjoy the interactive wall modules, and state-of-the-art iPads, game consoles and many other activities. This new fun activity center will provide a comfortable and less stressful area for a child waiting for their appointments.



SCAN TO PURCHASE

TICKETS



"SUPER HERO" RAFFLE

We are quickly approaching the **4th Quarter** but there's still time to get a "TOUCH DOWN". Support the Foundation and purchase raffle tickets by scanning the **QR Code** or going to our website below. Drawing will be held on Super Bowl Sunday, February 12, 2023.

Thank you to so many of you who have already purchased raffle tickets. GOOD LUCK!

"EVERYDAY HERO" RECOGNITION



Do you want to recognize a Lion or a member of the community who has made a difference? Has made a positive impact? Are they an "Everyday Hero"? You can honor them by presenting them with this very special recognition. Visit our website below.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE

www.brandelmurphyfoundation.org

Please visit our website to download applications for Grants and the Everyday Hero Recognitions. You can also find the link to purchase tickets for the Super Hero Raffle and additional ways to support the Foundation!

WE WISH YOU A VERY HEALTHY AND HAPPY NEW YEAR



Lion Mike Hoplight, Town of Niagara Lion and Lions for Veterans District Chairman, spoke at our January 11th meeting about the numerous activities and support functions provided patients and outpatients of the VA Medical Centers in Buffalo and Batavia. He discussed the current military veterans collection drive to provide items such as game day pizza parties, snacks, sweat pants and shirts and canteen books. The Women Veterans Health Care Clinic is also in need of new clothing, toiletries and baby items. They will also accept gift cards and miscellaneous small items such as notebooks and pens. Lion Mike also brought home the needs of unsheltered (homeless) veterans and the stirring ceremony of transporting deceased veterans who passed in hospital. Our club and its members provided a number of shopping bags filled with items from his list plus checks and cash to used as is required to provide for the care and comfort of veterans.

Pictured is Lion Mike and a presentation of a check from President Dick Crawford.

The Lighter Side:

If you want to find out who loves you more, stick your wife and dog in the trunk of your car for an hour. When you open the trunk, who is happy to see you?



What did the left eye say to the right eye?
Between you and me, something smells.

My grandfather died peacefully in his sleep, unlike the screaming passengers in his car.

Never criticize someone until you have walked a mile in their shoes. That way when you criticize them, you'll be a mile away and you'll have their shoes.

How did the blonde die ice fishing? She was hit by the zamboni.

How did the hipster burn his mouth? He ate the pizza before it was cool.

What did the Buddhist ask the hot dog vendor? "Make me one with everything."

A golf ball is a golf ball no matter how you putt it.

Insect puns bug me.

My leaf blower doesn't work. It sucks.

What do you call an alligator in a vest? An investigator.

Lion Dave :)

Thanks to Lions Tom Rusert, Tom Witkowski, Donna Lavalley and Dick Crawford for contributions to this newsletter. The deadline for the March Newsletter is Friday February 24th. If you have material for the newsletter, you can e-mail it to Lion Dave Chervinsky, the editor/publisher at: grandislandliondave@gmail.com.

Visit us at: www.gilions.com.

Please return your empties to Bottle and Can Retrieval Center 2447 Grand Island Blvd, Grand Island, **Grand Island Can and Bottle Retrieval Center is now tracking our donations when items are left for them to credit our account.**



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



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Thomas Witkowski
Thomas E Rusert
James D. Rose