



The Grand Island Lion

February-March 2010

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**THE SPLIT CLUB
IS NOW \$205 AND
GROWING SO THE POT
WILL GROW!**



Lion Tom Rusert **did not** draw the ace of spades at our last meeting.

Upcoming events:



February:

WE SERVE

February 10th
Lions Valentine Party
G.I. Holiday Inn
Program: Lion Fred and Tammy Ruocco



February 24th
General Membership Meeting
Buffalo Launch Club
Program: G.I. Senior Center
Board Meeting to follow

March:

March 10th
General Membership Meeting
G.I. Holiday Inn
Program: Jammies for GI's
Speaker: Cheryl Lepsch
Board Meeting to follow

March 22nd
Spaghetti Dinner
G.I. Holiday Inn
5-8PM



March 24th
General Membership Meeting
Merritton ON
Program: Joint Meeting
Time: 6PM



District Governor Lion David Gehring presents Lion President Henry Lobl with the Governors Banner at our January 13th General Meeting.

Attention All Grand Island Lions

Your participation is greatly appreciated at the 41st Annual Spaghetti Dinner. Monday March 22nd at the Ballroom at the Holiday Inn. Set up begins at 10am, dinners served from 5 - 8pm. Contact Lion Dick Crawford to serve on the set up committee, cooking committee, raffle committee (Lion Anne Fahning) clean-up committee and food servers. Ask your significant other to bake or help serve the sauce, spaghetti and meatballs.
Lion Dick Crawford

Lions: Please respond to Lion Anne by clicking on the link below:

Dear Fellow Lions,
This year I'd like to have a more successful basket raffle at the Spaghetti Dinner. We usually raise \$1,000. I'm asking that each member choose 5 businesses to solicit a donation from for our club. Any donation is appreciated. We can combine items to create a full basket if a donor cannot donate a whole basket.

Attached are names and #'s for local businesses; however you may have other's in mind. If you'd like to help, you can let me know which ones you are comfortable talking to. We don't want more than one person approaching anyone for a donation. You can reach me at 773-1900 or at afahning@realtyusa.com.

If you are able to donate a Basket or an item for a basket, that would be great too. Please let me know by Feb. 15th if you can help so I will know how many are not covered. I am also attaching a letter that the business owner may request. Thank you for living our values. "We Serve"
Respectfully, Lion Anne Fahning

Grand Island Lions Club
P.O. Box 71 Grand Island, NY 14072

Dear Business Owner,

Once again the Grand Island Lions Club is holding its Spaghetti Dinner at the Holiday Inn here on Grand Island. The dinner will be on Monday March 22nd from 5-8pm. Hopefully you will be able to come this year. It is attended by hundreds of people and is the primary fundraiser for our Special Kids Picnic, which is held every July and provides a great day of fun and food for 1,000+ kids with special needs. This year is the 52nd Anniversary of the picnic!

Won't you be a part of this wonderful cause? I am a member of the club and am requesting a donation for our Basket Auction. Whether you donate an entire basket for the auction or contribute something to add to a basket, we appreciate your gift. It is a great way to make people aware of your business and remember, your gift is tax deductible.

Sincerely,

Our Motto "We Serve"

- Tops Markets 775-1138 _____
- Realty USA _____ Anne
- McMahon's Restaurant 773-9707 _____
- Leisure Living _____
- NAPA 773-9112 _____
- Keller Insurance _____ Anne
- Geo. Edwards Jewelers _____ Anne
- Marston Power Equip 773-9396 _____
- GI Car Wash 774-8227 _____
- Curves 773-5955 _____
- McDonalds 775-8024 _____
- Say Cheese Pizza 775-0333 _____
- Burger King 773-7413 _____
- Dr. Huggs Car Wash 773-9585 _____
- Grand Island Deli _____
- Hizair Salon 773-5823 _____
- Wendy's 773-6330 _____
- Ascefi's Wines _____ Anne
- Grand Island Optical _____
- SCAP auto sound 775-3333 _____
- Trendsetters 774-2725 _____
- Cutting Room 775-0211 _____
- Riverstone Grill 773-0106 _____
- Rose Liquor 773-4525 _____
- Isl. Prescription Ctr 773-5599 _____
- G.I. Animal Hosp. 773-7645 _____ Anne
- Dana's Stlin Pets 773-5958 _____
- Contract Interiors 773-6995 _____
- Xpress Cleaners 773-4114 _____
- Capitol Cleaners 773-2854 _____
- Village Inn 773-5030 _____
- Dick & Jennys 775-5047 _____
- Beach House 773-7119 _____
- Brick Oven 773-4445 _____
- John's Subs 774-0020 _____
- Rocky's pizza 774-1100 _____
- Ficcillo Chevrolet 773-7505 _____
- G. . Auto Tech Inc. 773-7448 _____
- DeSignet Jewelers 773-6256 _____
- Jackson Music 773-5339 _____
- Fantasy Island _____
- Towne Café 773-7373 _____
- HSBC 773-7660 _____
- Pam's Gift Shop 773-4045 _____
- First Niag. Bank 773-3451 _____
- Subway 773-1521 _____
- Covanta Energy _____
- Hairitage Hair Salon 773-4309 _____
- Wavelengths 773-2946 _____
- Kelly's Country Store 773-0003 _____
- True Value 773-9060 _____
- MOG 773-1600 _____
- Flower-a-Day 773-4252 _____
- Cannon Design 773-6800 _____
- Rainbow Collision 774-1332 _____
- Rockwood Collision 773-2284 _____
- M & T Bank 773-7631 _____
- River Oaks Clubhouse 773-3337 _____
- Anchor Marine 773-7063 _____
- Wheelhouse 773-7023 _____
- Mallwitz Bowling 773-0062 _____
- Rite-aid _____
- Walgreens _____
- Dan the Man 773-3785 _____

This year's State Convention will be held in Buffalo May 14-16 and brings a very exciting race. PCC Lion John Wargo and PDG Lion Douglas Alexander are vying for one of the 34 International Director positions of our association. The ID's jobs entail supervising all officers and committees of the board and our association; managing our Lions "business", property, and funds; and preparing and approving each fiscal year's budget. It will be up to our club delegates to vote for one of these outstanding candidates. Please view their websites and learn more about these Lions who have charted a course for our continued success as the world's best-run non-governmental organization. Lion John's website is www.wargo2010.com and Lion Doug's is www.liondoug4id.com. Your vote matters and the club needs a majority vote for the delegates to carry to the convention. Please view their information and select who you feel is best qualified for the position.

Lion Tom Witkowski

We have a unique club with terrific people. Prior to transferring my membership to our club, I was treasurer for a lions club and unless you have done the job, it is quite difficult to know the level of dedication that is required to hold this position. I would like to thank Dick Crawford and Al Ackerman for their work as treasurer over the five years that I have been a member.

Lion Mike Steinagel

Dr. Andy's Day for Kids will be held at Buffalo Brew Pub, 6861 Main St. Williamsville, N.Y. from Noon -6 PM on Sunday February 28th.

Bon Ton Community Days are back. Saturday, February 27 is the date. Books are \$5. There are some great items in the book. Please let Lion Annette know and she will get them to you.

Spaghetti Dinner is fast approaching. It will be held on Monday March 22, at the Holiday Inn. We can use as many Lion members as possible to participate in this effort to raise money for the Special Kids Picnic.

We need baskets or items for baskets for the raffle. If you have any please contact Anne Fahning at 773-1900.

Place mats are a good way to advertise your message or business. Please contact Dick Crawford 773-4121.

Volunteers are needed for food prep, set-up, clean-up selling tickets, bakers for baked goods and bake clerks. If you are able to help in any area and spend as little as 2 hours the day of the dinner it will be terrific to help us get to our fund raising goal for the Special Kids Picnic.

If you have any questions contact Lion Henry Lobl.

Submitted-Lion Annette Boies-Lobl





Happy Ground Hog Day!



A man joins a monastery and takes a vow of silence. He's permitted to speak only two words every seven years.
 After seven years, the elders bring him in and ask for his two words. "Cold floors," he says.
 Seven more years pass. They bring him back in and ask for his two words. "Bad food," he says.
 Seven more years pass. They bring him back in and ask for his two words. "Hard bed," he says.
 Seven more years pass. They bring him back in and ask for his two words. "I quit," he says.
 "That's not surprising," the elders say. "You've been complaining ever since you got here."
 Submitted by-Lion Al

Thanks to Lions Donna Lavalley , Anne Fahning, Annette Boies-Lobl, Henry Lobl, Dick Crawford, Tom Witkowski, Mike Steinagel and Al Ackerman for contributions to this newsletter. The deadline for the April Newsletter is Friday March 26th. If you have material for the newsletter, you can e-mail it to Lion Dave Chervinsky, the editor/publisher, at dschervin@yahoo.com.
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