



The Grand Island Lion

January 2009



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Upcoming events:



Advisory Committee Meeting
January 13,
2009 Brauer's Restaurant,
6612 Campbell Boulevard,
Pendleton. NY
Fellowship at 6 pm, meeting at 6:30PM

Joint Meeting with Merrittons Lions
January 14th
Knights of Columbus Hall
Cocktails 6:30PM Dinner 7PM
Program: TBA

General Membership Meeting
January 28th
Buffalo Launch Club
Cocktails 6:30PM Dinner 7PM
Program: TBA

Board of Directors Meeting
January 28th
To follow General Meeting

Hands Across the Border
January 20th

Merrittons 70th anniversary
February 21st:

20N Cabinet Meeting
March 28th

Spaghetti Dinner
March 30th

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CLUB IS NOW
\$88 AND GROWING



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Happy New Year to all our members! As we welcome the New Year, we can look back with pride at our accomplishments in 2008. Much has been done, due to all the hard work and dedication of our members. I want to thank everyone for their efforts, as well as the many volunteers from other Lions Clubs, local organizations and community members for all their help. Without them, our goal of helping others would not have been realized as effectively. A special thank you goes to Lion Floyd Doring and his assistants, Lion Donna Lavallee and Patty Frentzel, for a lovely Christmas Party. The Holiday Inn deserves recognition, also, for an excellent meal and service.

The new year will present many opportunities to continue our efforts to serve others, as well as many challenges along the way. As Lions, we always rise to the challenge, so let us prove ourselves once again. In these times of economic hardship, we can share our resources of time, talent and energy with those less fortunate. There are miracles in the making, waiting for our willing hands and hearts to find them. Let's pull together and make those miracles happen!

To those who haven't attended a meeting in a while, come join us. You'll be warmly welcomed, and your ideas and input are appreciated. As Lions, we have a responsibility to be aware of issues that impact our Club and the organization as a whole. We are an important part of Lions International, and can take pride in all that we do worldwide as well as locally. So consider spending a short time with us to learn, share ideas and work toward making the world a better place to live in.

This month, there are several important events scheduled:

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14TH JOINT MEETING WITH MERRITTON LIONS
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL - 1841 WHITEHAVEN RD. GRAND ISLAND
6:30 PM COCKTAILS 7:00 PM DINNER
\$14.00 PER PERSON RSVP BY JANUARY 10TH**

**YOUR TELEPHONE COMMITTEE WILL BE CALLING YOU. COME AND JOIN US
FOR AN EVENING OF FELLOWSHIP WITH OUR SISTER CLUB!**

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 20TH HANDS ACROSS THE BORDER
DAYS INN - NIAGARA FALLS, NY TIME: 6:00 PM - 10:30 PM
COST: \$25.00 PER PERSON CASH OR CHECK PAYABLE TO:
TOWN OF WHEATFIELD LIONS CLUB**

**NOTE: RSVP BY JANUARY 5TH TO LION DIANE DUBIEL[773-3465]
SEND CHECKS TO: 44 QUEENS DRIVE GRAND ISLAND NY 14072. 20TICKETS
ARE RESERVED FOR OUR CLUB. UPON RECEIPT OF YOUR CHECK, LION
DIANE WILL ARRANGE GETTING YOUR TICKET TO YOU.**

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Dear Lion Tom:

The Grand Island Lions Club has discussed your December 7th letter and thoroughly discussed the options.

- ❖ **Option #1:** The Grand Island Lions Club is electing to continue with the current system of mailing the DGNFL to each Club member. The Club acknowledge that selecting this option obligates our Club to remit, when invoiced in the DGNFL, an amount equal to \$7.00 per member times the number of members reported to Lions Clubs International on our June Monthly Membership Report (MMR).

The Grand Island Lions Club has opted for Option # 1 as stated above:

Signed _____ Club President _____ Date _____

COMMENTS: _____

OR

- ❖ **Option #2:** The Grand Island Lions Club is electing that the DGNFL be sent to our Club electronically. It will be our responsibility to share this communication electronically, by mail, or at Club Meetings with the balance of our members. The Club acknowledge that selecting this option obligates our Club to remit, when invoiced in the DGNFL, an amount equal to \$3.50 per member times the number of members reported to Lions Clubs International on our June Monthly Membership Report (MMR).

The Grand Island Lions Club has opted for Option # 2 as stated below:

Signed _____ Club President _____ Date _____

COMMENTS: _____

We understand that our club may change their election in any subsequent year by contacting the then District Governor Elect no later than May 15th, with the requested change to be effective beginning with the July issue of the DGNFL.

Please return completed form to (label enclosed):

**Lion PDG Tom Reinagel
867 Woodstock Ave.
Tonawanda, NY 14150**

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ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS - YOUR VOTE IS NEEDED!

As you all know, the District Governors Niagara Frontier Lion [DGNFL] is currently mailed monthly to each member. PDG Lion Tom Reinagel and the Long Range Planning Committee have brought to our attention the increasing costs involved in mailing the newsletter. Two options are under consideration, both of which are outlined in the separate attachment (this page-on left) in this newsletter. I urge you to read them carefully and consider the impact on our club of both options:

OPTION #1 Continuing to mail the DGNFL to each member will result in a \$7.00 increase per member to our Club.

OPTION #2 Sending the DGNFL electronically will result in an approximate increase of \$3.50 per member to our Club. While this is an apparent saving, this will result in extra postage and printing costs for our Club, for those members who do not receive their newsletters electronically. In addition, our club would be responsible for coordinating the printing and mailing of these additional copies each month. The overall savings to our Club by choosing the electronic method will be marginal after the extra costs incurred are considered. [Editors note: savings for this plan for our club would be approximately \$170 per year while printing and postage costs for 12 members who get the newsletter mailed would be approximately \$128 annually.]

With that in mind, **YOUR INDIVIDUAL VOTE IS IMPORTANT!** It will be considered by the District 20-N Cabinet before a final vote and decision is made at the March 28th Cabinet Meeting. A vote will be taken at our January 28th meeting. For those who cannot attend, please respond before January 28th to either:

Lion President Diane Dubiel
gard1940@verizon.net or 773-3465
Lion Dave Chervinsky
dschervin@yahoo.com. or 773-7185

After all votes are tabulated, Lion Diane will submit the attached form to PDG Lion Tom Reinagel by January 31st.

YOUR INPUT IS IMPORTANT--PLEASE RESPOND!

Have a wonderful month of January!
Lion President Diane Dubiel

The above is the District Governors Newsletter delivery option form. For information on this, please read the Presidents message.

Grand Island Lions are a proud member of Region 2, Zone 1, that includes Pendleton, Wheatfield, and the Tonawanda's Lions Clubs. The Pendleton Pride is hosting a Region 2 Advisory Committee Meeting on Tuesday, January 13, 2009 at Brauer's Restaurant, 6612 Campbell Boulevard, in Pendleton. Fellowship at 6 pm, meeting at 6:30 pm. The other clubs in our region are the Zone 2 clubs of Kenmore, Amherst, Williamsville, and Sheridan Drive.

Just what is an ACM? It is a casual meeting where Lions of all clubs in the region get together for an evening of fellowship and to share ideas that can help strengthen all clubs no matter the size or current financial condition. It is a time for discussing projects that may interest other clubs to perform without "reinventing the wheel."

Though club Presidents and Secretaries of each club are members of the District Governor's Advisory Committee, grassroots Lions are always encouraged to attend to share the abundant knowledge that ties us all together, that keeps us motivated and always on the alert to serve more and to serve efficiently with whatever means are available to us.

Please mark your calendars for this meeting. Revitalize your Lions' spirit! Share your light! You won't regret it!

Sincerely yours in service,
Lion Tom Witkowski

Your Joke goes here!
Please send your submissions to the Grand Island Lion at
dschervin@yahoo.com.



A Happy Birthday to These Lions ...



Thanks to Lions Paul Bassette, Kathie Norris, Tom Witkowski, and Diane Dubiel all of whom contributed to this newsletter. The deadline for the February-March Newsletter is Friday January 30th. If you have material for the newsletter, you can e-mail it to Dave Chervinsky, the editor/publisher, at dschervin@yahoo.com.
Please visit our web site: www.gilions.com.

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