



# The Grand Island Lion

## January 2011

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is now \$\$\$+ and  
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The Grand Island Lions Community  
Needs Assessment can be found at:

[http://www.isledegrande.com/lions/  
lionsclub2010.php](http://www.isledegrande.com/lions/lionsclub2010.php)



**WE SERVE**

### Upcoming events:

#### General Membership Meeting

Wednesday January 12th  
Grand Island Holiday Inn

Cocktails 6:30 Dinner 7:00

Speaker: DG Gary Carini

Board of Directors Meeting to follow

#### General Membership Meeting

Wednesday January 26th  
Buffalo Launch Club

Cocktails 6:30 Dinner 7:00

Speaker: Dr. Kenneth Anthonie will  
discuss "Vision Surgery"



Lions Dave Chervinsky, Mike Steinagel and Tom Rusert are shown with other Miracle League volunteers after selling 50/50 raffle tickets at the World Junior Hockey Games on December 26th.

Other Lions helping out but not pictured were Dick Crawford and Donna Lavallee. Monies raised from this event (and on Dec. 31st) will be used by our club to solicit matching funds from LCIF to help Miracle League of Grand Island build a state of the art baseball field for disabled chil-

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Lions,

The New Year is here and I thought it would be a good time to highlight the most significant recent activities in our club. Early this fall Lion Paul Bassette completed another successful Peace Poster Contest. Although none of the winners at our club level went on to win any distinction at the district level or beyond, it helps give our youth a better concept of peace and understanding, helps with their education, and helps our club to be relevant in the community. Thank you Lion Paul.

In November we held our second annual diabetes-

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screening event. While the turnout could have been better, it was not because of a lack of effort. Lion Shelia Ferrentino our chairperson did everything possible to advertise and organize the event. Lion Henry Lobl interacted with Mount St Mary's to help us and we also had help from Mike Manuszewski of Island Prescription Center and MOG. We learned, and we have fresh ideas and perhaps we can improve next year. Thanks to all who helped. Also in November we had another successful BonTon Fundraiser and thanks to Lion Anne Fahning and all those that helped out with coupon sales we raised almost \$700 for the one-day event.

In December we held our first ever Christmas Tree Sale. Lion Sean Kelly and Kelly's Country Store organized the event and did a great job to ensure success. Our Club stepped up as our members filled all shifts. There were 96 hours filled with one or more members. Thank you all for making this a success. All profits will go to our Club. Awesome! Lion Sean will give a report at our first meeting in January.

We also formed an association with Miracle League of Grand Island. In order to construct a baseball field for disabled children on Grand Island Miracle League must raise \$250,000. Our Club has taken on a major role to facilitate this. Lion Mike Steinagel our Liaison to Miracle League has been working hard on a grant to be submitted this month to LCIF for \$75,000. Lion Tom Witkowski has been interacting with our District for their expertise and guidance. This grant requires matching funds and our club has a plan to raise this in conjunction with Miracle League. There have been three fundraisers to date, the most recent being selling 50/50 raffle tickets at the World Junior Hockey Games. Again our members stepped up and volunteered or participated at these events.

I want to give a genuine thank you to everyone who helped out at these events. Not everyone was mentioned here but rest assured your work and dedication to the Lions is greatly appreciated and everyone's participation continues to move our club forward with its mission in this community. I'm looking forward to the New Year and new challenges for our club. Our upcoming schedule includes the District Governors visit in January, our Valentines Party in February, visiting Merritton in March and having our Spaghetti dinner in April. In between we have Community Needs Assessment, Vision Programs, Meals on Wheels and planning the Spe-

cial Kids Picnic. Not a bad agenda. I think we should all be proud of Our Club and the work that we do. Happy New Year!

Lion Dave

#### **John Casey Memorial**

Recently the club lost a former member, John Casey. His family requested that donations to the Grand Island Lions Club be made in his memory.

We are in receipt of a check from the Rosman Family.

Thanks to Lions Al Ackerman, Dave Chervinsky and Donna Lavalée for contributions to this newsletter. The deadline for the February Newsletter is Friday, January 28th. If you have material for the newsletter, you can e-mail it to Lion Brooks Rimes, the editor/publisher, at brimes@rimesrv.net.

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#### **Dumb and Dumber**

##### **Dumb**

A man bought one of those special tools for his car, one that you can cut through the seat belt if you can't get it open, and one that you can smash a window if you can't get the door open. A good tool to have handy.

He keeps it in his trunk!

##### **Dumber**

A man (maybe the same guy) goes into a pizza place and orders a small pizza to go. When it is ready, the clerk asks him, "Would you like this cut into 4 or 6 pieces?" The guy answers, "Better cut it into 4, I'm not hungry enough to eat 6!"

From Lion Al Ackerman



Hands Across the Border



## 35th Annual

### Sports Banquet

**When: Tuesday January 18th, 2010**

**Time: 6:00 pm - 10:30 pm, doors open at 5:30 pm**

**Cost: \$25.00 per person - US or Canadian**

(Payable in U.S. Cash, U.S. Money Order, or U.S. Check with checks Payable to Town of Wheatfield Lions Club)

**Where: Days Inn at Niagara Falls**

**443 Main St., Niagara Falls, NY 14301**

We will have a family style all-you-can-eat dinner of Baked Chicken & Pork Chops.

Pitcher beer will be only \$5/pitcher and cold Coke products will be available.

Guest will include *Past International President Albert F. Brandel* and a sports figure TBA.

If you would like to stay overnight, Days Inn, has offered a splendid one night stay special room rate of \$39.00 + tax. Reservations can be made by calling the hotel directly at (716) 284-8801 and mentioning Hands across the Border.

**For Tickets:**

**Chairman Lion President Sam Cala**

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Send your check payable to the "Town of Wheatfield Lions Club" to:

**Sam Cala**

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**North Tonawanda, NY. 14120**

**Proceeds will be used to maintain our 5 Senses Nature Park Grounds & Buildings.**