



# The Grand Island Lion January 2018

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## Upcoming Events:

**Wednesday January 24th**  
Lions General Meeting  
Location Elderwood (tentative)  
Program TBA

**Wednesday February 28th**  
Lions Valentines Party  
Location Mallwitz's Lanes

**Wednesday March 14th**  
Lions General Meeting  
Location BLC

**Wednesday April 11th**  
Location Town Café (tentative)  
Program TBA

**Wednesday April 25th**  
GI/Merritton Joint Meeting  
Merritton Community Centre  
Cocktails 6PM Dinner 6:30PM

**Wednesday May 9th**  
Location Radisson Inn

**Wednesday May 25th**  
Location BLC

**Wednesday June 13th**  
Installation Dinner  
Location BLC

HAPPY  
NEW YEAR

**Happy New Year Lions!** We had a great Christmas Party at the Radisson with our District Governor Sharon Battaglia. Thank you Lion Brooks and Brenda Rimes for a fun evening. Our Club will be in capable hands to start 2018, as Lion VP Shelia will be filling in for me, while Lion Annette and I are in Florida. The January meeting will be at the Elderwood here on Grand Island. Thank you Lion Tom DeJohn for arranging and hosting this meeting. I hope we have a good turnout to start the year.



Lion Henry



**WE SERVE**



**Split Club  
Jackpot is \$231.00**

The Lion who draws the ace of hearts at our general meeting, will win the pot. Lion Tom Rusert drew the two of diamonds at our last meeting.





Our Grand Island Lions Club held their annual Christmas Party at the Radisson Inn on December 13th 2017. Our Guests were District Governor Sharon Battaglia, her husband, District Secretary, Dr. Rick Battaglia and Region Chair Jeremy Schnurr. Lions made donations of non-perishable food items to the Neighbors Foundation, and made contributions to the Family Justice Center, an organization supporting victims of domestic violence. Lion DG Sharon spoke to the club about Lionism and her personal interaction and support of the Family Justice Center. Lion DG Sharon presented the club with two banner patches for service and presented Lion Bob Goulding with a pin for 60 years of service with our club and the former Riverside Lions Club.

Hi Lions,

Our Grand Island Lions Club will be assisted by District 20N Lions in the performance of vision screenings in our public schools January 9th and 11th. Over 600 pre-K to second grade children will be screened who attend Sidway, Huth, and Kaegebein schools. Island Kids, Kiddos Korner, and St. Timothy's childcare centers have signed up to allow us to perform screenings the following week. We are currently awaiting permission to present the Lions SEE (Screening Eyes Early) program in order to perform screenings in the other childcare centers on the island along with St. Stephen's School. There is also an unknown population of island children who do not attend any school or childcare program. Arrangements are being made to reserve the conference room at our public library to accommodate screenings for this group of children on select days and times of the week of January 22nd to the 26th. Notices will appear in the Buffalo News, Niagara Frontier Publications, and [isledegrande.com](http://isledegrande.com).

The Lions SEE program uses volunteers to operate state-of-the-art "cameras" to take digital images of children's eyes. More commonly referred to as a "screener", an onboard computer analyzes the images for potential amblyopic ("lazy-eye") conditions that, if left untreated in some cases, may cause irreversible vision blindness in one eye by the time the child reaches seven years of age. Milder forms of amblyopia, such as near- and far-sightedness, can be treated with corrective eyeglasses. Advantages of using these screeners are that there is no contact with the child and that a dimly lit room serves to dilate the children's eyes without use of drops. Further, screening can be readily performed within the children's classroom with minimal disruption of the curriculum. The data is downloaded to the school nurse's or the center's owner's computer with a printout available to be given to the children's parents and/or guardians for follow-up. The screening, with an 80-95% accuracy rate, serves as an adjunct to other vision measurement methods but does not replace a comprehensive eye exam by a qualified pediatric ophthalmologist or optometrist.

Volunteers are always needed to assist during screenings and/or to become a volunteer screener. The learning curve is quite short which at times amazes those who thought they were technology-challenged. If you would like to become involved in the program, or simply want to observe, please let me know. You will be left with the incredible sensation that you are involved with the protection of the vision of our most vulnerable citizens.

Lion Tom Witkowski

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Pictured are two banner patches presented to the club at District Governor Sharon Battaglia's visit on December 13th. The District 20-N Contest Winner patch is in recognition of our club exceeding goals for membership, service, and support of our district and Lions International. The Centennial Service Challenge patch recognizes our club for service in four efforts set by Lions International that we have met and exceeded: Relieving the Hunger through our ongoing food drive, Engaging Our Youth with our Peace Poster Contest and scholarship awards, Sharing the Vision with our vision screenings of children six months to six years of age, and Protecting Our Environment through our support of cleanup campaigns and refundable container collections.

Kudos go to the participating Lions in our organization for performing these vital services to our community and the Corresponding Secretary Kelly McGarvey for reporting our efforts to make our community a better place to live and work.

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We are a 501c3 organization. Contributions are deductible to the extent allowed by law.

Members should continue to bring nonperishable food items to our meetings for benefit of the Neighbors Foundation Food Bank, and used cell phones can be re-purposed by the Erie County Sheriff's domestic violence unit.

Also Bottle Junction credits our club 6 cents on every deposit can or bottle returned. The advantage of this donation is you do not have to wait. Just tell them to donate the proceeds to the Lions. Our last return from this was \$94.02. Thank you to all who participated.

Lion Tom Rusert



Lion Bob Goulding has a limited number of Lions Patches that could be sewed onto your vest or sports coat. Please contact Bob if you are interested. 775-0254

Thanks to Lions Tom Witkowski, Henry Lobl, Tom Rusert Bob Goulding and Donna Lavallee for contributions to this newsletter. The deadline for the February Newsletter is Saturday January 27th. If you have material for the newsletter, you can e-mail it to Lion Dave Chervinsky, the editor/publisher, at:

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