



# The Grand Island Lion

## January 2020

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### Upcoming Events:

#### Grand Island Lions Club Meeting Dates and Places for 2019-2020

Cost to Club will be \$26. All reservations must be made by the Monday before the meeting. If you reserve and do not attend you will be charged as the Club is charged for all reservations, You will receive an e-mail from Lion Danielle Rose.

JANUARY 22,2020 AT ELDERWOOD HEALTH CARE

FEBRUARY 26,2020 MALLIWITZ LANES BOWLING

MARCH 11,2020 WESTERN NEW YORK WELCOME CENTER (PURCHASE OF FOOD MUST BE DONE BY 6:30 PM)

APRIL 08,2020 RADISSON HOTEL

APRIL 22, 2020 MERRITTON LIONS CLUB (6PM-Dinner at 6:30)

MAY 13,2020 RADISSON HOTEL

MAY 27, 2020 BLC

JUNE 10,2020 BLC INSTALLATION DINNER

Dear Lions Family,  
Happy New Year, Healthy New Year,  
Prosperous New Year and Peace in  
the New Year!

A new day, a new decade. Another  
chance to do more, try harder and lis-  
ten better.

It is such a pleasure being involved  
with a group of people with a common  
interest and the ability to get things done without rancor  
or the unpleasantness that can occur in any organiza-  
tion.

We are truly blessed and I am grateful for each of you .  
As we look forward to 2020 please know that your  
ideas and opinions are valued. As we plan new projects  
and execute the traditional ones, we will need your help  
as much you are able to give it.

Of course we will be working on the Spaghetti Dinner  
fundraiser. We'll start planning soon and I'm sure that  
Lion Dick Crawford will welcome your assistance.

There is much to be done.

I will be setting up the committee to work on the Basket  
Raffle.

Please let me know if you can help .

I look forward to seeing you at some of our meetings  
over the next few months. There will be some very in-  
teresting topics.

The January 22nd meeting will be at Elderwood Heath-  
care . Our topic will be a presentation on Saving the  
Michaels of the World. An organization that supports  
individuals and their families who suffer with addiction.

A reminder that we are asking for a gift of new socks  
or underwear to donate to them.

Until then stay safe and warm :)

Yours in service,

Lion Pres. Anne



Don't forget to wear your  
magnetic Lion emblem.  
Show the public you are a  
Lion. Words of wisdom:  
Perseverance breeds  
"success"  
Lion Bob Goulding



**WE SERVE**



**WILL YOU HELP?**

We are currently collecting new, unused underwear to present to Save The Michaels of The World for use by those recovering from opioid addiction. Currently, this is the biggest need of Save The Michaels. The underwear can be of any adult size and can include tee shirts, bras, briefs, panties, and socks. These items will be presented to Ms. Joan Dlugokinski when she speaks at our January 22nd meeting at Elderwood. Monetary donations will also be accepted. Please make checks out to Save The Michaels Of The World. Your understanding of the affliction and compassion for those suffering from it will be most appreciated.

**GRAND ISLAND VISION SCREENINGS SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY**

The Lions S.E.E. team will be screening the GI public school system including St. Stephens during the month of January. The biggest need is for four screeners and four assistants to be present at Sidway on Tuesday, January 14, at 9 am. It normally takes no more than two hours to complete the screenings. The children are evaluated in the classroom with the lights off and shades drawn as necessary to dilate their eyes. There is no contact with the children. The process is remarkably automated with the only need of the screener to properly focus the device. The Welch-Allyn SPOT device prompts the handler when they are too close or too far away from the children's eyes. It's as easy as that. The assistant merely calls the names of the children from a list provided and keeps track in order that the correct student is identified to the screener. Please contact Lion Tom Witkowski at 909-1862 or email at lion-tom20n@roadrunner.com if you desire training, refresher training or to "shadow" a team in order to acclimate yourself to the process. Please consider this as one of the most positive and rewarding aspects of service as a Lion. Since the start of the school year, Lions S.E.E. teams have screened 10,164 students with 1,874 kids being referred due to one or more anomalies detected during screening. That equates to nearly 18.5% of children screened. This is higher than the national average of 15%. Another piece of good news is that 27 children have received free eye exams, free eyeglasses and paid trips to and from their eye doctor with available grants from our district Vision Beyond Sight Foundation.

Thank you, Lion Tom Witkowski

**Lions,**

For the upcoming Lion's season we will again be accepting non-perishable food items at every meeting to benefit the Grand Island Neighbors Foundation. Also used cell phones are needed by the Sheriff's Department Domestic Violence unit. Phones are reprogrammed for emergency use by victims under their watch.



Please return your empties to Bottle and Can Retrieval Center 2447 Grand Island Blvd, Grand Island, NY. Just mention that you would like the deposit money to be credited to the Grand Island Lions Club.

Stuart Sports has many styles and colors of polo shirts along with other apparel available. Stop in and peruse their catalogs and request that the Grand Island Lions logo be applied to your selection.

It's just a short drive to Lewiston:

Stuart Sports 486 Center St. Lewiston, NY (716-754-4895)

<http://www.stuartsportsinc.com/>

Thanks to all that donated to the Neighbors Foundation. Our Christmas dinner results are \$220.00 in checks and Tops gift cards plus 40 lbs. of non-perishable food.

Lion Tom Rusert





The Grand Island Lions Christmas Party was held on 12/11/19 at the Buffalo Launch Club. Thank you District Governor Regina Cecconi for celebrating with us and being our guest speaker. A great time was had by all! Thank you Lion Rob Nichols for the photo. Congratulations to Lions celebrating their Lion Anniversaries. District Governor Regina awarded longevity pins to Lion Paul Bassette for 45 years as a Lion, Lion Richard Crawford, 30 years a Lion, and Pres Lion Anne Fahning 20 years a Lion.



**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY**

**Adrienne Cassata**

**HAPPY  
NEW YEAR**



**50/50**

**There was \$43 in the split club at our November meeting. Lion Kim Pressley pulled a silver nugget -so the pot grows!**

The Split Club sticks have been replaced with poker chips with club members names on it. The deck of cards has also been replaced by a much sweeter treat: Hershey Nuggets! 52 Nuggets in all, 48 wrapped in silver, 4 in gold. Pick a gold one and whatever the pot is at, you win the nugget and the cash! Pick a silver and at least you have something that tastes good - everybody knows chocolate soothes you!

Lion Tom Witkowski

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

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