



The Grand Island Lion

July-August 2008



Upcoming Events:

Saturday July 12, 2008 Multi-District 20N Cabinet Meeting - 5 Senses Nature Park, Wheatfield

Saturday July 16th "Special Kids Picnic" Buffalo Launch Club

Saturday July 19th Members Picnic Lion Bud Pritchard's cabin

Wednesday July 23th 7PM Board and Officers Meeting K of C Hall.

Wednesday August 27th 7PM Board Meeting Kof C Hall.

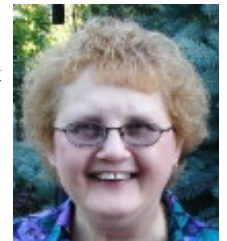
August 22-23, 2008 White Cane Sale.



The Grand Island Lions Club inducted its officers and directors at a dinner held at the BLC on Wednesday. Pictured from left to right are: Recording Secretary Paul Bassette, Corresponding Secretary Kathie Norris, Treasurer Al Ackerman, 2nd Vice Pres. Dave Chervinsky, 2 year Directors Donna Lavallee and Norm Hahn, President Diane Dubiel, one year Director Jerry Dubiel, Immediate Past President Shelia Ferrentino, 1st Vice Pres. Henry Lobl, 3rd Vice Pres. Anne Fahning, Tail Twister Bill Wind and Member Chairman Tom Rusert. Not pictured are: Recording Secretary Annette Lobl, 1 year Director John MacNeil and Lion Tamer Dave Pelosi.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to each of you for electing me as your leader for the upcoming year. I am humbled by this honor, and will do my best to listen to each of you, learn, share new ideas and, with your help, implement existing and new programs.



To all our new members, I extend a very warm welcome! With your commitment and willingness to help, we can work together to further Lionism within our community and beyond. Each of us is a cog in the wheel of life, and has a very important role to play. Every individual's effort, multiplied by the whole, can produce amazing results. Together, we can reach out to help others and make our world a better place to live.

Feel free to call me [773-3465] or E-mail me [<mailto:gard1940@verizon.net>] to discuss your ideas and concerns. I'm looking forward to a wonderful year ahead. Together, let's make every day an opportunity to live the Lion's motto - "We Serve".

Lion President Diane Dubiel

A recent trip to Niagara Falls with a truckful of trash turned into \$955 windfall that will benefit a worthy cause during Governor Jim's year. Several Grand Island Lions, a handful of Island residents, and Emerson Control Techniques (Lion Tom Witkowski's employer) have been extremely generous in donating everything from antennas to wiring plus refundable beverage containers. The resultant cash has been donated to the local chapter of the American Diabetes Association in the past and now, most recently, to Angel Flight. This also keeps our District's Environmental Chair Lion Jim Martin happy as a lark, since nothing is being buried in some landfill.

A few tips to all budding trash collectors: keep all your collections separate; i.e., brass, copper, aluminum, whatever. Don't mix anything as this will lower your "take". It's best to keep it all organized for maximum benefit. Also, mention that the monies will go to your club's charity fund and ask the recycler give you their best rate. The Grand Island Lions Club works with Metallico off Hyde Park in the Falls since we have a special insider by the name of Phil Onevelo, the son of Town of Niagara Lions Ange Onevelo Sr. and Jr. Give Phil, or your choice of recyclers, a call before you come so he (or they) can prepare for your arrival. Happy collecting!
Lion Tom Witkowski



Left to right Lion Dave Chervinsky, Tommy Witkowski and Lion Tom Witkowski on a recent "trash run"

FOURTH OF JULY PARADE 2008 GRAND ISLAND LIONS CLUB

Ever since Helen Keller challenged Lions in 1925 to be "Knights of the Blind", Lions Clubs have dedicated their resources to helping others less fortunate.

Lion President Diane Dubiel will lead the Grand Island Lions Club in its 52nd year of community service, including providing assistance to the visually and hearing impaired. We donate funds to the Grand Island Library for large print books, maintain a free loan closet containing wheelchairs, walkers, crutches and other equipment for those in need. We award Scholarships to High School Seniors, and involve our middle-school age children in our annual Peace Poster Contest. The winning entries will be displayed at the Library for one year. This year's local first place winner, Marshall Cancilla, went on to win the State contest as well.

We offer MTI Photoscreening for pre-school age children, to help detect possible eye problems. Our "Sight Night" each Halloween results in collection of countless pairs of used eyeglasses and hearing aids, which are refurbished and distributed to the needy in other countries. Our fund raisers include a White Cane Sale each August, Bon-Ton Community Days throughout the year, and a Spaghetti Dinner in the spring at the Grand Island Holiday Inn. Funds raised are used to help those in need, and to provide a summer picnic for special needs children.

This is a special year for our annual Special Children's Picnic. It is the 50th year our Club has hosted this event! Look for us at the Buffalo Launch Club on Wednesday, July 16th, 2008. Over 1100 special children and their counselors will enjoy boat rides on the Niagara River, rides on ponies, go-karts and golf carts, music and dance entertainment, face painting, magicians and much more! Plenty of food and refreshments will be on hand, served by many Lions and community volunteers. The thank you letters we receive from these special children tell us how much this event means to them!

Special recognition this year goes to Lion Tom Witkowski, who received the International Leadership Medal. This is the third highest award given by Lions Clubs International, recognizing him for his outstanding and tireless service to others.

The Grand Island Lions thank all the businesses and community members who so generously support our efforts to make this world a better place for those in need!

Lion President Diane Dubiel

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNUAL PIG ROAST

We're invited to attend the annual Pig Roast and Buffet Dinner, hosted by the Knights of Columbus .

DATE: Saturday, September 20, 2008

PLACE: K of C Hall, 1841 Whitehaven Road, Grand Island

TIME: 7:00 PM

COST: \$15.00 per person

Music provided by DJ Mark Smith and Solid Gold

Last year, the event was super, with lots of good food and fun.

This year promises more of the same.

For tickets, contact Lion Jerry Dubiel [773-3465].

Tickets are limited, so reserve early



Top Photo: Lion Paul Bassette presents the Melvin Jones award to Lion Al Ackerman while Lion Dick Crawford (left) looks on. Below Lion Shelia Ferrentino presented Lion Tom Rusert with an award for bringing in new members to Our Club.

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Our annual Members' Picnic will be held Saturday, July 19, 2008. It will be graciously hosted by Lion Bud Pritchard and his wife, Ellie. Our chairman this year is Immediate Past President Shelia Ferrentino. The Telephone Committee will be calling with more details. Plan on gathering for a wonderful event, filled with fun, good food, and friendship!

Lion Diane Dubiel

Thanks to Lions Dave Chervinsky, Diane Dubiel, Tom Witkowski, Anne Fahning, Floyd Doring and Dick Crawford all of whom contributed to this newsletter. The deadline for the September Newsletter is Saturday August 30th. If you have material for the newsletter, you can e-mail it to Dave Chervinsky, the editor/publisher, at dschervin@yahoo.com.

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A strong young man at a construction site was bragging that he could out do anyone in a feat of strength. He made a special case of making fun of one of the older workmen. After several minutes, the older worker had enough. "Why don't you put your money where your mouth is," he said. "I will bet a week's wages that I can haul something in my wheelbarrow over to that building and you won't be able to wheel it back. "You're on, old man," the braggart replied. Let's see you do it." The old man reached out and grabbed the wheelbarrow by the handles. and, nodding to the young man, he said, get in....!"



Submitted by Lion Floyd