



The Grand Island Lion

July -August 2010

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**THE SPLIT CLUB
IS NOW \$248 AND
GROWING!**



Upcoming events:



WE SERVE

July:

**July 3rd
Independence Day Parade**

**July 17th 4PM
Members Picnic
Bob and Anne's Boat
2186 East River Road**

**July 21st
Special Kids Picnic
Buffalo Launch Club**

**July 28th
Board of Directors Meeting
At the Chervinskys 7PM**

August:

**August 24th
Board of Directors Meeting
At the Witkowskis 7PM**

The Grand Island Lions Club installed officers and directors for the 2010-11 year during an installation dinner on June 11 at the Grand Island Holiday Inn Resort and Conference Center. Pictured above at left are new officers, from left: Mike Steinagel, director; Bill Wind, Tail twister; Tom Witkowski, second vice president; Fred Ruocco, lion tamer; Diane Dubiel, director; Annette Lobl, corresponding secretary; Henry Lobl, past president; Dick Crawford, treasurer; Dave Chervinsky, president; Paul Bassefte, membership chair; Donna Lavallee, recording secretary; Dick Planavsky, director; Al Ackerman, director. Not pictured is Anne Fahning, first vice president.

Lions:

This will be my last issue as editor/publisher of the Grand Island Lion. During my year as president of the Grand Island Lions, Brooks Rimes will take over publishing and running the web site, www.gilions.com. Lion Brooks was editor before I took over and I learned most of what I have done from him so I am sure the Newsletter is in good hands. Please send all submissions to Lion Brooks at: brooks@rimesrv.net.



Pictured here, Carlene Conway, a student at St. Stephan's School, is the winner of this year's Peace Poster Contest. Lion Paul Bassette, Chair of this Grand Island Lions who sponsored the contest, awarded the \$100 prize to her. The second place winner was Laura Szczepankiewicz (her poster is pictured above) a student at Veronica Connor Middle School. Laura who was unable to attend received a \$50 check. Four other students received honorable mentions and received \$25 each. They are Celesti Haynie - Connors Middle School, Eric Peace - Connors Middle School, Ian Estenoz - Connors Middle School and Katie-Grace White - St. Stephen School.

This year's theme was The Power of Peace which allows student ages 11-13 to express ideas on peace and world understanding. The posters are judged on originality, artistic merit and the ability to express the theme. 68 entrants competed in this year's contest

DISTRICT 20-N LEADERSHIP FORUM
Blessed John the XXIII Parish
 36 Flohr Ave, West Seneca
SUNDAY, AUGUST 29, 2010
 12 Noon for Lunch
 Sessions at 1:15 PM
 \$20.00 per club

Seminars will be available for all Clubs officers, as well as several other seminars for those waiting to sharpen their Leadership skills. Also DG Gary has asked to highlight a schedule change to accommodate all incoming officers. We have moved the Membership training to the 2nd session so that the incoming officers could learn tips on how to increase and to retain their membership after they take their Officer training in the first session, taught by PDG Jim Muscoreil. Also no Region or Zone chairman training this year, however ZC Lion Tom is Teaching the course on getting your club to look into community needs and make it very relevant to your club, he will show just how Grand Island is making it work.

Clubs or individuals would like to attend this training please contact
 Lion Joe Biondo @ 716-625-6006
 or Lion Mike Curran 716- 674-6210
 so that we can be sure to have enough materials and food.

Lions Appreciation Day Lions Camp Badger
 Sunday July 25, 2010
 725 LaRue Rd
 Spencer, NY 14883
 10:30 AM- 3:00 PM
 Come and Reacquaint Yourself with the Camp
 Tours ,Food and Fun for Everyone

Phone 1-607-589-4800
 E-mail: lionscampbadger@frontiernet.net

How I spend my day....

Working people frequently ask retired people what they do to make their days interesting. I went to the store the other day. I was only in there for about 5 minutes. When I came out there was a city cop writing out a parking ticket. I went up to him and said, "Come on, buddy, how about giving a senior a break?" He ignored me and continued writing the ticket.

I called him a Nazi. He glared at me and started writing another ticket for having worn tires. So I called him a piece of horse crap. He finished the second ticket and put it on the windshield with the first. Then he started writing a third ticket. This went on for about 20 minutes. The more I abused him, the more tickets he wrote. I didn't give a crap. My car was parked around the corner. I try to have a little fun each day now that I'm retired.

Darn....., I love being retired!



For our participation at this year's Fourth of July Parade, I've heard it mentioned in the past that we haven't had candy to pass out to the youngsters (and those who are still youngsters at heart) over the past few years. I picked up a couple bags of "Farley's Chewy Mix" at Sam's Club for about nine bucks a bag. Each bag has about 290 pieces. So, if you're shopping there, why not pick up a bag or two and bring 'em to the parade for all to enjoy. The only rule being that we are not allowed to throw them; just hand pass them to the kids. It'll be great to see all the kids smile!

"Growing old is mandatory. Growing up is optional."
Lion Tom Witkowski – still my mother's kid.

Thanks to Lions Tom Witkowski, Paul Bassette, Diane Dubiel, and Annette Lobl, for contributions to this newsletter. The deadline for the September Newsletter is Wednesday August 28th. If you have material for the newsletter, you can e-mail it to Lion Brooks Rimes, the editor/publisher, at brooks@rimesrv.net.

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