



# The Grand Island Lion

June 2022

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## Upcoming Events:

**June 8: 2022**

**Lions Installation Dinner  
Buffalo Launch Club  
Cocktails 6PM Dinner 7PM**

**July 20th 2022**

**Special Kids Picnic  
Buffalo Launch Club**

**August 26-27 2022**

**Lions White Cane Drive**

**Lion membership dues are due by June 1st. Mail checks to our Grand Island PO Box 71 or bring cash or check to our next meeting on May 11th. Single dues are \$75.00 / family dues are \$128.50. Thanks**

**Lion Kelly**

Our Installation Dinner is June 8th at the BLC. Lion Tom Rusert is requesting that we bring non-perishable food donations for the Neighbors Foundation.

Dear Lions,

What an everchanging world we live in today? The Covid pandemic continues to affect the health around the World. As variants continue to spread with milder symptoms, we still must stand on guard to protect ourselves and our families.

The horrific tragedies we felt with the senseless shooting at the TOPS Markets Store, and on top of that the unimaginable shooting at the elementary school in Uvalde, Texas. Please pray for all that have been affected.



Finally, we were able to honor current and past winners of our Peace Poster contest. Thank you to Lion Paul Bassette for arranging this program.

Past President Paul Krupa has been busy preparing for our Installation dinner to be held June 8, 2022 at the Buffalo Launch Club. Reservations for dinner need to be called in to Lion Paul (716-260-0860)

Lion Shelia Ferrentino and her committee are busy planning the annual Kids Picnic at the Buffalo Launch Club. Club participation is essential to the success of this event.

Our new Lions year begins on July 1, 2022, our first event will be the Annual Kids picnic on July 20<sup>th</sup> followed by the Annual White Cane Sale on the 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> of August. Your participation as a Lion are critical to the success of both programs.

If you have ideas or suggestions for the club, please contact a member of the board of directors.

Have a safe and Healthy summer.

Lion Dick



**WE SERVE**

Thank yous:



April 2022

Dear Grand Island Lions,  
 Thank you for your donation to Seeds of hope -  
 Nicaragua! Your donation will assist us in our work  
 helping families in need of education, medical care,  
 and food.

I've enclosed a picture of Alvaro and his girls. We  
 provide for his medical care as he is disabled. He  
 is always so thankful to everyone for helping him  
 and your Club has been a part of helping him.

Again, thank you! Best regards,  
 Lindsey Seeds of hope Team

Buffalo & Erie County Public  
**LIBRARY**  
 Grand Island Memorial Library

May 3, 2022

Thomas Witkowski  
 Treasurer, Grand Island Lions Club  
 PO Box 71  
 Grand Island, NY 14072

Dear Lions and Mr. Witkowski:

Thank you once again for the group's generosity in donating \$250 to the Grand Island Memorial Library to expand our Large Print collection. As in prior years, the funds will be used to purchase some of the latest, most popular titles for our community to enjoy.

All books purchased using this donation would be fitted with a book plate stating the item was funded through the Grand Island Lions Club for this year.

Sincerely,

Bridgette Heintz  
 Director  
 Grand Island Mer





I have been elected as Vice-President for the Brandel-Murphy Youth Foundation (BMYF) at the Multiple District 20 (New York State and Bermuda) Convention held last week in Niagara Falls. My duties include continuing my work as Grant Committee Chair. I started out as a District Coordinator in 2014 educating our district clubs about Brandel-Murphy and how it can help bring to fruition club projects benefiting kids. I also promoted the foundation's fundraising efforts through its Super Bowl raffle which we won in 2018 and selling it through eBay to a pair of loyal and very happy Eagles fans. In May of that year I was elected as foundation Secretary and Grant Committee Co-Chair with PDG Jim Muscoreil of Wilson Lions who originally introduced me to the foundation. We have instituted numerous changes to the grant process making it easier to apply while maintaining a competitive edge for grants. It is an understatement to say I enjoy having found another niche I love fulfilling in my nearly 29 years of my Lions experience. I thank my fellow Grand Island Lions for their support for the projects we have worked together to bring to fruition with the help of BMYF. We have improved the lives of over 1,500 kids with BMYF matching funding for the Miracle League and Sidway playgrounds, our own Special Kids Picnic and our recent project providing a children's playroom and adjoining meeting room. It is great to be a Lion!

Lion Tom W.

(Pictured above with the foundation founders, Lion Dr. Maureen Murphy and her husband, Past International President Al Brandel)



Peace Poster Chairman, Lion Paul Bassette presents Eleanor Murray with the Peace Poster Achievement Award with her winning poster in the background. Eleanor and her parents were guests at our May 25th Lions Meeting.



Lion Tom Rusert, long time member of the Antique and Classic Boat Society, looks on as Lion Shelia Ferrentinon Special Kids Picnic Chairman, accepts a donation for the picnic from Society President Marge Morasco. Rocky Nagel and Marge spoke to the Club about the boat society and indicated they would provide some of the boats for the picnic in July.



Our Club posed for a group picture during our May 11th meeting. At the Grand Island Community Center. Lion President Dick Crawford is shown presenting a check to Ray Zylinski from Vision Education Specialist at Visually Impaired Advancement (formally Olmstead). Ray shared his story and gave information on the current services of Visually Impaired Advancement at the meeting.



Pictured on the left are two check presentations at our May 11th Lions meeting. On the left Lion Treasurer Tom Witkowski presents a \$1000 check to Noel De La Rosa, the Chief Program Officer of Journeys End to help with their mission to help Afghan refugees in the Buffalo area. Journeys End is part of a coalition of charities called Buffalo United for Afghan Refugees. The monies come from our club and a matching grant from the NY State and Bermuda Lions Foundation. On the right, Lion Sharon Battaglia from the NY State and Bermuda Lions Foundation presents the matching grant check for \$500 to our Club President, Lion Dick Crawford.

# Knights of Columbus Council #4752



1841 Whitehaven Rd

Saturday, June 25 2022

Doors open @ 6:00, First raffle @ 7:00

\$10 admission includes:

Beer, Wine, Pop

Sandwich

### Raffles

Variety of fresh meats

50:50 Cooler full of meat

Wagon of spirits

**Call 773-4752 to order tickets**

\*Proceeds support K of C charitable programs and building maintenance\*



Please return your empties to Bottle and Can Retrieval Center 2447 Grand Island Blvd, Grand Island, **Grand Island Can and Bottle Retrieval Center is now tracking our donations when items are left for them to credit our account.**



Donations for the Neighbors Foundation can be brought to each meeting or dropped off to me at 895 North Colony Road.

Lion Tom Rusert

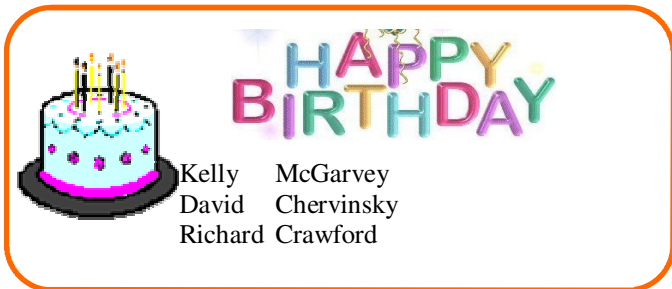
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<http://www.stuartsportsinc.com/>

Lion Tom Rusert



Thanks to Lions Tom Rusert, Tom Witkowski, Kelly McGarvey, Donna Lavalley, and Dick Crawford for contributions to this newsletter. The deadline for the Summer Newsletter is Friday June 24th. If you have material for the newsletter, you can e-mail it to Lion Dave Chervinsky, the editor/publisher at:

[grandislandliondave@gmail.com](mailto:grandislandliondave@gmail.com).

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