



The Grand Island Lion

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The split club is now \$31 and counting...



WE SERVE

Upcoming events:

June:

**Wednesday June 13th:
Lions Installation Dinner
G. I. Holiday Inn
Cocktails 6:00 Dinner 7PM**

**Tuesday June 26th:
BOD Meeting
Pres. Fahning Boat
2186 E. River Rd.
6:30PM**



The 1st and 2nd place winners of the Lions Club Peace Poster contest were honored recently, along with their families, at the Buffalo Launch Club. From among 76 entries, Allison Sorci was selected to receive \$100 and second place winner, Katie Gibbons was given \$50. Both girls attend Grand Island Middle school. The contest has been open, for 24 years, to 11-13 year olds at St. Stephens and the Middle School. This years theme was "Children Know Peace". Posters are judged on expression of theme, artistic merit and originality. The posters will be on displayed at the Grand Island Library along with previous winners Pictured are Club President Anne Fahning, Allison Sorci, Katie Gibbons and Paul Bassette, committee chairman.

Presidents Message:

Dear fellow Lions, it has been a pleasure and an honor to serve as your President this past year. As I've said before, the work you do is so important and will leave a lasting legacy to our community and beyond. Thank you.

I wish you all good health and the spirit to continue your remarkable efforts under the leadership of Lion Tom in the coming year. I look forward to working with all of you to achieve our common goal of service to those in need.

Warmest regards,
Lion Anne

My deepest thank you to the following members of our club who so generously donated to this year's Journey For Sight held at St. Bonaventure's on May 5th: Lions Tom Rusert, Brian Grim, Dick Planavsky, Sean Kelly, Gerry and Diane Dubiel, Paul Bassette, Henry and Annette Lobl, Shelia Ferrentino, Anne Fahning, Dave and Jane Chervinsky, and Lion ????. Mary Mongold of Niagara Falls, whose wallet I found in a shopping cart, also generously contributed. All told, \$424.00 will go a long way helping abused children, feeding the hungry, helping young adults, purchasing a state-of-the-art laser for glaucoma patients, and vision equipment. The Journey collected over \$10,360 that day that will benefit the charities selected by the Cattaraugus County Lions clubs who sponsored our last installment of "Journey-on-the-Road" which involved the clubs of each of our counties to run the Journey over the past four years.

Thank you everyone!
Sincerely yours in service, Lion Tom Witkowski

White Cane Days are August 24- Friday and Saturday August 25. Please keep two hours of your time to collect. I realize that this is a busy time of year but we need as many volunteers as possible to make this project a success. Henry Lobl

Special Kids Picnic is Wednesday July 18.

We are looking for members to help in the following areas: Tuesday set-up, Wednesday- working with the Volunteers to direct the kids and staff from the buses, in the kitchen, the pony area, water stations, docks, pop stand, clean-up. The chairmen for the committees are as follows: Set-Up Mike Steinagel Kitchen-Donna Lavallee/Brenda Rimes (myself as phone contact prior to picnic). Pony- Tom Witkowski. Docks and Boats Anne Fahning , Pop-Dave Chervinsky, Clean-Up Henry Lobl. We have approximately 100 volunteers so having a designated Lion Club member to work with these volunteers assures that all who come to help have a job and are also relieved as needed. Please e-mail or contact the Chairmen directly. You may contact me as well with any questions via phone or e-mail. Thank-You Annette Lobl.

I received a call from Bob Simpson at the high school and they have scheduled December 5, 2012 for the decorating tree contest. They will be using Artificial trees only for the program. They will auction off again.

Lion Dick Crawford

Miracle League opening day was 5/20/12. PDG Gary is attending ML BOD meetings and the leadership transition is in motion. The relationship with the Sabres has inspired other NHL teams to investigate this project in their communities.

Lion Mike

Member Highlight

Dan Morabito joined the Lions in June, 1995. He began his service as Recording Secretary in 1996. In 1998 he assumed responsibility as Second Vice President becoming President in 2000 and then staying on as Immediate Past President in 2001 and Past President in 2002. He accepted the year long job of Chairman of the Club's 50th Anniversary Dinner in 2005-2006. He is known as "Our Chef" for the Spaghetti Dinner and Chief Chef for the Special Kids Picnic. In a quiet gentlemanly manner he is always ready to help. It is fitting to recognize Dan in our July Newsletter as he celebrates his birthday on July 4th.

Thanks to Lions Annette Boies-Lobl, Henry Lobl, Mike Steinagel, Donna Lavallee, Tom Witkowski, Dick Crawford, Glenn Connell and Anne Fahning for contributions to this newsletter. The deadline for the July-August Newsletter is Friday June 29th. If you have material for the newsletter, you can e-mail it to Lion Dave Chervinsky, the editor/publisher, at dschervin@yahoo.com.

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As part of our ongoing mission, our Grand Island Lions Club recently donated \$1000 to the Grand Island Library to purchase large prints books for the sight impaired. To date \$9550 have been donated by our Club for this purpose. Library Director Lynn Alan Konovitz is seen here receiving the check from Lions Club President Anne Fahning while Lion Dave Chervinsky looks on.



Pictures from the 2012 Merritton Lobsterfest held in Merritton, ON on May 26th.