



# The Grand Island Lion

June 2013

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**The split club is now \$109 and counting...**

Lion Anne drew the two of hearts at our May 8th meeting.



Hi everyone,  
Yes, it's here...June...and we are closing in a very successful Lions' year. I am happy to report that we have been distinguished throughout our district, our state, and at the international level with perfect membership retention, activity relevant to our community, and to our mission as Lions, and soon, club excellence! Yes, we did it and I have to heartily thank each and every one of you for making Grand Island Lions one of the successes in Lionism. I will address the club at our installation dinner about the successes and also the stumbles we encountered on our way to this point so please make it a point to be there. I promise it will be interesting...also I solemnly promise, Diana and I **WILL BE THERE...**lol...even though it will be our 20th anniversary. You didn't forget last year, did you?

Our club is strong and it does make a difference farther than you may realize. I hear about us at conventions, cabinet meetings, my dealings with the multiple and, yes, at the international level. My best wishes to Lion Brooks as he takes on the reins as your President. He will have help of a truly wonderful club. Unabashedly, I love this club!  
Enjoy your summer, my fellow Lions! We have activities throughout the summer, so take some time and acquaint yourselves if you've been away from us. We'd love to see you!



**WE SERVE**

## Upcoming events:

### June:

**Wednesday June 12th:**  
**Lions Installation Dinner**  
**Grand Island Holiday Inn**  
**Cocktails 6:00 Dinner 7PM**

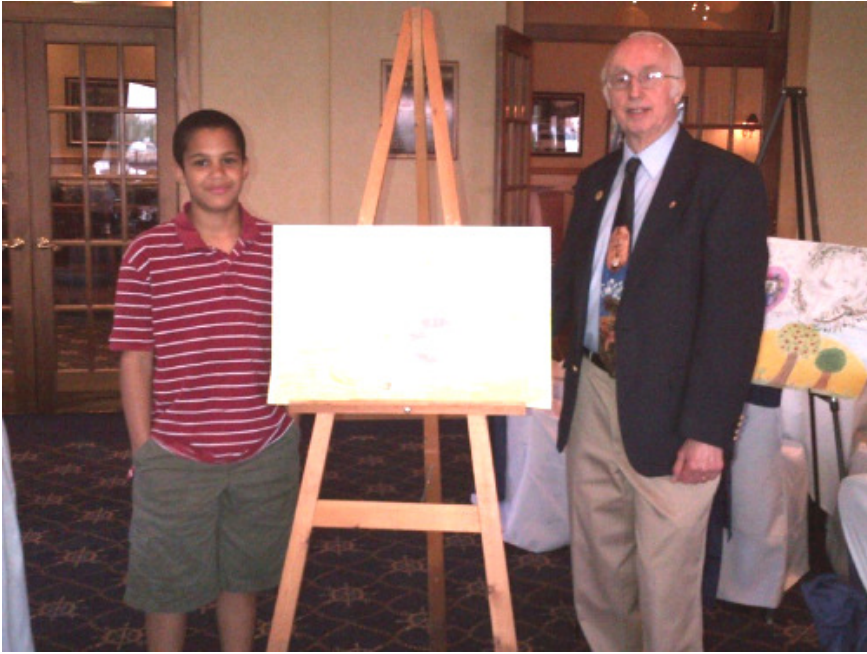
### July:

**Tuesday July 4th:**  
**Independence Day Parade**

**Wednesday July 17th:**  
**Special Kids Picnic**  
**Buffalo Launch Club**

**Saturday July 20th:**  
**Members Picnic**  
**Details TBA**

Yours in service and friendship,  
Lion Tom Witkowski



The Lions Club meeting on May 22 gave recognition and honor to the clubs Peace Poster Contest winners for 2012. Lion Paul Bassette led the presentation of the Peace Poster Contest and introduced the clubs 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place winners. The 1<sup>st</sup> place winner was Grace Lotempio and the 2<sup>nd</sup> place winner was Jadin Schuerholz both from Grand Island Middle School. Each winner did a brief show and tell of their Peace Posters. Each of these posters will be on display at the Grand Island Town Library for one year. Our 1<sup>st</sup> place winner has received a \$100 cash award and our 2<sup>nd</sup> winner received a \$50 cash award. The four honorable mentioned in this contest have received \$25 each for their efforts. The Peace Poster Contest had 94 entries this Lions year, which are our highest number entries ever.

Lion Paul Bassette



#### Perfect Attendance for 2012-13

Al 28 yrs.

Paul 19 yrs.

Dick 18 yrs.

Fred 12 yrs.

Tom R. 11 yrs.

Anne 10 yrs.

Tom W. 6 yrs.

Donna 4 yrs

#### Milestone Info.

35 years- Tom De Carlo, Earl De Glopper, Pat Patterson

20 years Fred Ruocco, Tom Witkowski

15 years Tom Rusert.

Lion Annette





Lion Sean Kelly (left) from Kelly's Country Store Presented a check for \$2800.00 to Lion President Tom Witkowski at our Lion's regular dinner meeting held at the Holiday Inn on May 8<sup>th</sup>. The Money, earmarked for the Special Kids Picnic to be held on July 17<sup>th</sup> of this year, represents all profits from the annual sale of Christmas trees at Kelly's Store. The sale in it's third year has progressively improved with Sean noting they have added 100 tree stands this year to make it easier to pick out a tree. Supporting the Special Kids picnic is a rewarding tradition for Kelly's started by Sean's Father Mike Kelly who was a long-standing member of the Lions and for many years donated his time and store resources for the benefit of kids with special needs.

A Doctor asked his patient about his activity level and how he spent a typical day.

" Well, Doctor," the patient said, "yesterday I took a five-hour walk through four miles of rough terrain, I waded along the edge of a lake, got sand in my shoes, climbed several rocky hills and almost stepped on a snake."  
 "You must be one heck of an outdoorsman."  
 "No, I'm just one heck of a bad golfer."

Lion Al



Lion Dick Crawford presents a \$500 check from Tops Markets to Lion President Tom Witkowski at our May 22nd meeting. The donation was a part of Tops "Living Here Giving Here" campaign that coincided with their Grand Reopening of their remodeled store on the Island.

Thanks to Lions Tom Witkowski, Al Ackerman, Annette Boies-Lobl, Anne Fahning and Paul Bassette for contributions to this newsletter. The deadline for the July-August Newsletter is Friday June 28th. If you have material for the newsletter, you can e-mail it to Lion Dave Chervinsky, the editor/publisher, at: [grandislandlionsdave@gmail.com](mailto:grandislandlionsdave@gmail.com).

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