



The Grand Island Lion

June 2014

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Split Club



**There is \$16
in the split club**

**Lion Tom Rusert drew the six
of diamonds at our May 28th
meeting.**



WE SERVE

Upcoming events:

Wednesday June 11th

Lions Installation and awards
Dinner

Byblos Resort and conference
Center

Cocktails 6:00PM Dinner 7PM

July 4th Parade:

Details TBA

Wednesday July 16th:

Special Kids Picnic

Buffalo Launch Club

Saturday July 19th

Members Picnic

Details TBA

Our club will have the honor of
DG Elect Lion Mike Lawkowski
to perform the installation of offi-
cers. I believe his bride Sue will
be attending also.

Lion Tom W.

President's Message for June

May was another good month for the Grand Island Lions Club. I was sorry to miss the meeting on the 14th (in Chicago on business), but heard by good account that the presentation by Kevin from Young Life went well, despite an audio problem.

The meeting at the BLC on the 28th was very well attended for the Peace Poster award presentations. Lion Paul did an excellent job explaining the background of the contest. It was great to have the aspiring artists and their families at the dinner.

This will be my last message in the newsletter as President. The year has gone by quickly. I was a little apprehensive about the position at the beginning but it has turned out to be quite a bit of fun and not too much work. It was interesting to attend Cabinet meetings at the District level and find out that our club is a part of something much, much larger.

Some of my goals this year were to find interesting speakers for the meetings, to have printed agendas for the meetings, to keep the meetings on schedule, to add variety to the patriotic songs, to have jokes at meetings, to be present at all events, to encourage and praise and be an amiable representative of the club.

President-elect Donna will do a great job. Please give her all your support.

The beginning of the summer will be busy for us. On June 11th will be the induction of new officers meeting at Byblos Niagara. DG Elect Lion Mike Lawkowski will be performing the installations. Be sure to bring your significant other!

July 4th is the Parade, followed by the Special Kids Picnic on July 16th and the Members Picnic on July 19th. There will be a new venue for the Members Picnic this year, possibly Beaver Island State Park. Stay tuned for details.

Have a great summer! Thanks for your support this past year.

Yours in service,

Lion President Brooks





Lion Tom Witkowski (Lt) Presents a check for \$290 to Lion Treasurer Dick Crawford. The money was a result of our latest scrap metal drive and will help our club with service projects.



Our Lions Club honored the top two Peace poster winners at our May 28th General meeting. Lion Paul Bassette poses with our first place winner Katie Gibbons in the top photo. The bottom picture features our 2nd place winner McKenna Davis. There were six winners this year with \$100 for first place, \$50 for second place while four honorable mention winners received \$25 apiece.



Ken Kulikowski from Young Life was our guest speaker at our May 14th meeting held at Byblos Resort and Conference Center. Here he poses with Lions Acting President Donna Lavallee. Kulikowski briefly described the history of Young Life since its' founding in 1939. Young Life came to our community in 1969 and enjoys a population 80 – 90 children and young adults. The group's purpose is to bring definition to their lives and where God fits in. Ken calls their group "organized chaos" with all the activities its members get involved with. Young Life already is a part of Trinity and St. Stephen's with aspirations of being in every high school in the U.S. More information can be found at www.younglife.org.

**2014-15 Grand Island Lions Board of Directors
to be Inducted at our Annual Installation and Awards Dinner at Byblos
Resort and Conference Center on June 11th 2014.**

President: Lion Donna Lavallee

1st VP: Lion Tom Rusert

2nd VP: Lion Mike Steinagel

3rd VP –open-

Treasurer: Lion Dick Crawford

Corresponding Secretary: Lion Annette Boies-Lobl

Recording Secretary: Lion Tom Witkowski

Tail Twister: Lion Fred Ruocco

Lion Tamer: Lion Al Ackerman

1-year Directors: Lions Anne Fahning Paul Bassette

2-year Directors: Lions Norm Hahn Dave Chervinsky

Immediate Past President: Lion Brooks Rimes.

Member Milestones

The following members will be recognized at the June 11 Installation Dinner.

Paul Bassette 40 years of service.
Dick Crawford 25 years of service.
PJ Wiles 25 years of service
Will Wiles 25 years of service
Jerry Dubiel 15 years of service.
Anne Fahning 15 years of service
Norm Hahn 15 years of service
Bill Wind Sr. 15 years of service

Perfect attendance Award

Al Ackerman 29 years
Paul Bassette 20 years
Dick Crawford 19 years
Fred Ruocco 13 years
Tom Rusert Sr. 12 years
Anne Fahning 11 years
Tom Witkowski 7 years
LP Brooks Rimes 1 year

Recycle of Pins- in keeping with the spirit of saving the environment any member who would like to return any unused pins especially officer and directors please forward to Annette.

Scholarship Committee Report

The Lions Scholarship Committee made up of Lions Paul Bassette (chair), Dave Chervinsky, Mark Frentzel, Annette & Henry Lobl, met on May 8 to evaluate the scholarship applications. There were only 9 applications this year which is the fewest we have probably ever had, but the candidates were mostly high quality with lots of community service. The committee selected three \$500 winners and one \$1,000 winner. The \$1,000 winner was selected who did the most outstanding community service regardless of any of the other criteria used to evaluate the applications. All four winners are seniors from Grand Island High School and they will receive their winning letters of scholarship at the Grand Island graduation exercises.

Lion Paul Bassette

The Miracle League playground project is underway. Construction of the playground will need our help on Saturday and Sunday, June 14th and 15th starting at 8 am. Tools and refreshments will be provided. Contact Lion Tom Witkowski asap so a count can be given to the crew.

Lion Tom W.
909-1862

Fore Sight



Golf Tournament

Friday, June 20th 8am Shotgun start Chestnut Hill Country Club

\$100 Per Person

All Proceeds go to Olmsted Center for Sight

\$10,000 Prize For A Hole In One

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Payment Reserves your Spot

Price Includes:

Spots Are Limited, 1st come 1st served

18 Holes of Golf with Cart

Lunch at the Turn

Dinner (NY Strip Steak)

& Prizes

Reservation Deadline Friday, May 23

Also Closest To The Pin

On All 4 Par 3 Holes

See Sheri Shaw to reserve a spot or for details

sshaw@olmstedcenter.org 888-4578

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Mike Steinagel
Thomas DeCarlo
David Chervinsky
Richard Crawford

Thanks to Lions Tom Witkowski, Donna Lavalley, Annette Boies-Lobl, Paul Bassette and Brooks Rimes for contributions to this newsletter. The deadline for the July-August Newsletter is Saturday June 28th. If you have material for the newsletter, you can e-mail it to Lion Dave Chervinsky, the editor/publisher, at: grandislandliondave@gmail.com.

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Dues are Due!!!!!!!

You will be receiving via e-mail a notice for dues, which must be paid by May 31. The dues amount is \$75.00. The dues should be submitted to the Club PO Box 71. If dues are not paid by May 31 you will receive a second reminder. If not paid by June 15 you will be dropped from the roster. If for some reason you do not plan to remain a member of the Club please let President Brooks Rimes know so that we will be paying the appropriate amount of dues money to International.

Thanks so much for your understanding.

Lion Annette Lobl