



The Grand Island Lion

June 2018

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Upcoming Events:



WE SERVE

Wednesday June 13th

Installation Dinner
Location BLC

Wednesday July 18th

Special Kids Picnic
Location BLC

Saturday July 28th

Members Picnic
3PM at Lion Anne and
Bob's Boat



It is hard to believe that this is the last letter I will be writing for our newsletter. Looking back at this last Lions year I continue to be impressed with the degree of commitment, involvement, and participation of our membership. You have made my year as President quite gratifying. Looking forward to our next meeting, we will be installing a full slate of new officers, inducting two new members, and presenting a number of awards. Spouses are invited to this meeting. I am looking forward to seeing many of you at this meeting. Again, thank-you for your support and participation.

Yours in Service
LP Henry Lobl

50/50



The split club of \$267 was won by Lion President Henry at our last meeting! A new split club will begin at our next meeting where any ace drawn will win the pot.



This years couples cruise will be held 10 days after the Special Kids picnic on Saturday July 28th. 3 pm cocktails on the dock. Cruise from 4-7 pm.

We can adjust those times if need be. More details will follow by email.

Yours in service
Lion Anne



Peace Poster chair Paul Bassette Honored our Peace Poster contest 1st and 2nd place winners at our may 23rd dinner meeting. Lion Paul gave a quick background on the history of The Peace Poster contest, which has been conducted for the past 30 years. The contest is for young people ages 11-13. This year's theme was "The Future of Peace". District level winners go on to the State level winners to many nations throughout the world. We had 23 Peace Posters submitted this year. The judging criteria are based on use of theme, artistic ability and originality. Second place \$50 winner Miss Madelyn Montes is seen above while Miss Alexandra Jensen, first place \$100 winner, is shown at the left. Both students are from Connor Middle School. The posters will be display for 1 year at the Grand Island Public Library. We also had 2 honorable mention winners that each received \$25.

Tammy Owen, Director of The Olmsted Center for Sight spoke to us at our May 9th meeting about the programs at the center: Background on Olmsted: It used to be the Blind Association of WNY. The center serves persons from infancy to the end of life. Services range from the Pre-school that has now transitioned the running of the school to Buffalo Hearing and Speech Center. It has a career program for unemployed adults training them in many different areas from hospitality and IT. It has a low vision Clinic and rehabilitation services

Gary Wagner: A client of the Olmsted Center spoke about the benefits that he received from the Olmsted Center for Sight as he lost his vision. The agency has helped him move upward in the system and he is currently the director at the VA in the calling center. Gary wants to help people find employment who are blind and hire persons who are blind. There is a 70% unemployment rate for those who are legally blind.

Connect 211 is a program providing access to information on local and national health and human services.

Our annual donation to The Olmsted Center was presented to Tammy and Gary after their presentations.





SAVE THE DATE

September 11, 2018

An eye-opening glimpse into the lives of those living with visual impairment.

Tuesday
September 11, 2018
5:30-9pm
Hyatt Downtown Buffalo



Olmsted Center
FOR SIGHT

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FOR SIGHT

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The nights events include:

- Basket Raffle
- Art in the Dark Auction
- Silent Auction
- Live Auction



Lion Bob Goulding has patches that he has engineered into pins that can easily be worn on your coat or vest. They are limited in number. See Lion Bob if you are interested.



Lion Tom, showing off his collection of bells at our May 9th meeting!

Thanks to Lions Tom Witkowski, Henry Lobl, Annette-Boies Lobl, Anne Fahning, Bob Goulding, Donna Lavallee and Tom Rusert for contributions to this newsletter. The deadline for the July-Aug 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: grandislandliodave@gmail.com.

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Walk starts at 11AM

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Members should continue to bring nonperishable food items to our meetings for benefit of the Neighbors Foundation Food Bank, and used cell phones can be re-purposed by the Erie County Sheriff's domestic violence unit.



Also Bottle Junction credits our club 6 cents on every deposit can or bottle returned. The advantage of this donation is you do not have to wait. Just tell them to donate the proceeds to the Lions. Last month we received 175.86! Thank you to all who participated.

Lion Tom Rusert

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Kelly McGarvey
David Chervinsky
Richard Crawford