




# The Grand Island Lion

## March 2024

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| March 13 <sup>th</sup><br>on Vision               | Lion Adrienne Cassata presentation<br><br>6:30 pm at Howard Hanna<br>General meeting & BOD meeting |
| March 27 <sup>th</sup>                            | 6:30 pm at Howard Hanna<br>General Meeting only  |
| April 10 <sup>th</sup>                            | Review Slate/vote on Officers '24-'25<br>6:30 pm at Howard Hanna<br>General Meeting & BOD meeting  |
| April 22 <sup>nd</sup><br>at River Oaks           | Annual Spaghetti Dinner at Ellden's  |
| April 24 <sup>th</sup><br>fundraiser presentation | Akron Lions Club-Lion John Diggs w/<br>6:30 pm at Howard Hanna<br>General Meeting only             |

Hello Lions. . . .

Double celebrations this month so Happy St. Patrick's Day and Happy Easter!

Western NY certainly knows how to enjoy March 17<sup>th</sup>. Attend a St. Patrick's Day parade, enjoy some green beer, corn beef & cabbage at one of the many Irish establishments. Remember what they say . . . everyone is Irish that day!



Easter comes early this year so get those baskets ready, color eggs, buy that delicious chocolate, jelly beans and peeps (one of my favorites) and plan to celebrate your Easter brunch or dinner with family and/or friends.

February 14<sup>th</sup> meeting ended up being a meeting, no bowling this year.

This is my reminder again about our Annual Spaghetti Dinner on Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please watch for important emails from Lion Dick and Lion Anne Fahning. For the basket raffle, which is always a big hit, we will need ALL LIONS to make either a cash donation, a certificate or a bottle(s) of wine. These donations will be combined with other donations to make up baskets. This year Lion Anne would like to make a large basket of wines for a special basket raffle. Either way you choose to donate - it will help this important event and make it successful. All donations would be greatly appreciated if received by April 15<sup>th</sup>. If necessary, please let me know if I can help with any donation pickup.

The donation shed through St. Paul Textile is close to being finalized and will be delivered soon to the assigned area at our High School.

Elections are coming up so *please consider being a member on our Board*. Contact Lion Tom Rusert or Lion Shelia if interested or have questions on a board position.

Remember Wed, March 13<sup>th</sup> Lion meeting at Howard Hanna. Our own Lion Adrienne Cassata will make her presentation on "Vision". *Presentation will begin at 7:00 pm*. If you know someone who could benefit from this presentation, please let Lion Susan Standora or myself know so we have amply seating.

Enjoy your holidays and I will see you all in April!

LP Kelly



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## 55th ANNUAL GRAND ISLAND LIONS CLUB



**MONDAY, APRIL 22, 2024 5 PM – 8 PM**

**ELLDEN'S GRILL AND BANQUET  
201 WHITEHAVEN ROAD  
GRAND ISLAND, NY**

**DINNER INCLUDES MEATBALLS, BREAD & SALAD  
\$10.00 ADULTS \$5.00 KIDS 7 & UNDER**

**EAT IN OR TAKE OUT**

**BAKED GOODS SALE, CASH BAR**

**WE WILL HAVE OUR POPULAR 50/50  
AND BASKET RAFFLES**

**WE ARE ACCEPTING PRE-ORDERS!**

**SEE OUR FACEBOOK PAGE TO PRE-ORDER:**

**[facebook.com/groups/GILIONSCLUB](https://www.facebook.com/groups/GILIONSCLUB)**

**or CALL LION DICK CRAWFORD AT 716-818-6992**

**Help us to help others!**

**We will be collecting non-perishable food items and diapers for  
The Neighbors Foundation.**

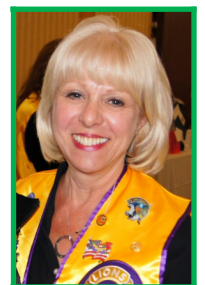
Spaghetti dinner artwork courtesy of Put-In-Bay (Ohio) Fire Company

Dear Lions,

As we inch into Spring have you wondered what you could do to make a difference in someones' life? Something that won't take you away from your other responsibilities? Well let me suggest spending a very few hours between now and April 22nd helping our Club to have a successful Spaghetti Dinner!

As Chair of the Basket Raffle I am asking for your help. Simply send out 5-10 letters ( you tell me), follow up with a phone call to ask for a donation and pick it up. That's all. So maybe 2 -3 hours.

Say yes by texting me at 716 440-0841. I'll email you the letter and the club will reimburse for the stamps. You can choose the businesses you'd like to approach. I'll have a list to work from. Serving in a way that fits your schedule . Thank you so much :)







**GRAND ISLAND ROTARY - MEAT RAFFLE**

SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 2024

**LOCATION**  
Cristoforo Colombo Society Hall -  
2223 Pine Avenue || Niagara Falls New York || 14301  
Doors open at 6 PM. Fun begins at 7 PM

**\$10 A TICKET OR RESERVE A TABLE OF 10 FOR \$80**  
Admission includes: Beer, Pop, Pizza and Wine  
No Outside Alcohol Permitted  
Tickets Call 716-773-8801  
Email [JudeKuehne@gicsd.org](mailto:JudeKuehne@gicsd.org)

Bring Snacks, a cooler and plenty of \$1 bills. Enjoy Theme Baskets 50/50 Drawings and Big Prizes.

Proceeds to Support Rotary Youth Projects and Growing Readers

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 are on the upswing so please continue to bring any of the listed items to our meetings or drop off Tops gift cards, food items and checks/cash to me and I will deliver to them. They are also in need of diapers, toiletries and personal care items.**

**Thank you, Lion Tom Rusert**

Stuart Sports has many styles and colors of polo shirts along with other apparel available. Stop in and peruse their catalogs and request that the Grand Island Lions logo be applied to your selection.



It's just a short drive to Lewiston: Stuart Sports 486 Center St. Lewiston, NY (716-754-4895)

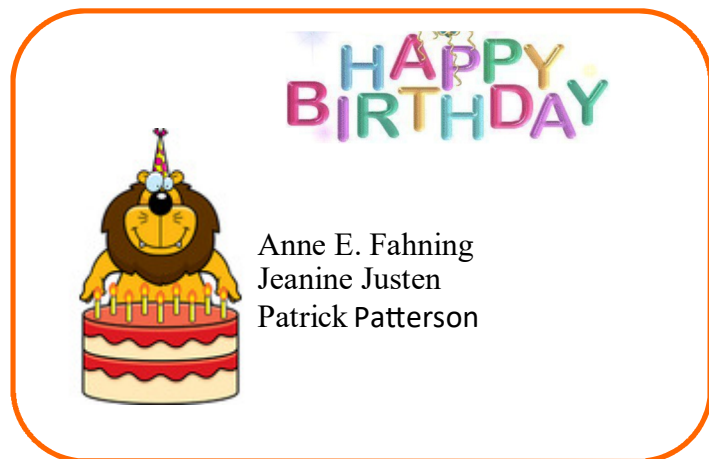
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Lion Tom Rusert

Thanks to Lions Tom Rusert, Anne Fahning, Dick Crawford and Kelly McGarvey for contributions to this newsletter. The deadline for the April Newsletter is Friday March 29th. 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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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Anne E. Fahning  
Jeanine Justen  
Patrick Patterson