



The Grand Island Lion

March 2016

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Split Club Jackpot is \$112.00



Lion Jerry and Lion Annette's names were called before Lion Bob Goulding drew the two of spades at our last meeting. The Lion that draws the Ace of hearts will win the pot.



Hello Lions,

If you missed our meeting on February 24th you missed a very informative and enlightening presentation by our guest, Mike Robinson with the National Federation of the Blind of New York State. Mike is legally blind and told of the challenges facing blind and vision impaired members of our community and how his organization

advocates for these individuals.

Speaking of guest speakers our very own Lion Anne will present her Nicaragua experience to us at our March 23rd meeting. Wow, two home run speakers in a row. Don't miss it!

Thanks to all for continuing donating food items for the Neighbors foundation. We are on target to fill an Easter basket for Henry Kammerer and his team.

See you in March,

Lion President Tom

Upcoming Events:



WE SERVE

**Wednesday March 23rd
General and BOD Meeting**
Byblos Resort and Spa
Cocktails 6:30 Dinner 7PM
Program: Lion Anne Fahning Nicaragua Trip.

February eyeglass collection:

108 glasses were collected and sent to Walmart pickup center for distribution.

25 sunglasses and 31 eyeglass cases were sent locally to St Christopher (formally St Edmonds) in Tonawanda.

There are now 11 collection sites for eyeglass donation including the Tonawanda Golden Age Center.

Lion Bob Goulding





Mike Robinson on the right , poses with Lions President Tom Rusert at our February 24th meeting. Robinson who is President of the NY Federation of the blind was our guest speaker and discussed how his organization was working to improve accessibility for the blind throughout the state.

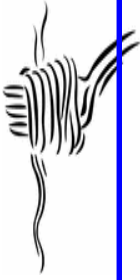


Lion Anne Fahning who recently returned from a medical mission in Nicaragua will be our guest speaker at our March 23rd meeting. Pictured above are twin girls (one of which is blind) who were brought to the mission seeking help. Below a picture of people waiting at the clinic.



Spaghetti Dinner

To benefit the
Grand Island
Lions Club.



Come and enjoy Spaghetti with meatballs, salad, Italian bread, and beverages. Many deserts will be available. There will be a basket auction with dozens of baskets along with a door prize and 50/50 split.

When Sunday April 18th 2016 from 5 PM to 8

Where Byblos Niagara Resort and Spa,
100 Whitehaven Rd,

Tickets \$8 Adults, \$5 Children under 12.

Purpose *All proceeds are used to fund the Grand Island Lions "Special Kids Picnic" held on the third Wednesday in July at the Buffalo Launch Club.*



We Serve



Baseball in Heaven:

Two 90-year old guys, Leo and Frank, had been friends all of their lives. When it was clear that Leo was dying, Frank visited him every day. One day Frank said, 'Leo, we both loved playing baseball and softball all our lives, playing all through High School and beyond. Please do me one favor: when you get to Heaven, somehow you must let me know if there's softball there.'

Leo looked up at Frank from his deathbed and said, 'Frank you've been my best friend for many years. If it's at all possible, I'll do this favor for you.'

Shortly after that, Leo passed on. A few nights later, Frank was awakened from a sound sleep by a blinding flash of white light and a voice calling out to him, 'Frank... Frank'

'Who is it?' asked Frank sitting up suddenly. 'Who is it?'

'Leo-- it's me, Leo' 'You're not Leo, Leo just died.' 'I'm telling you, it's me, Leo' insisted the voice. 'Leo! Where are you?'

'In Heaven,' replied Leo. 'I have some really good news and a little bad news.' 'Tell me the good news first,' said Frank 'The good news,' Leo said, 'is that there's softball in Heaven. Better yet all of our old buddies who died before us are here, too. Better than that, we're all young again. Better still, it's always springtime, and it never rains or snows. And best of all, we can play softball all we want, and we never get tired.' 'That's fantastic,' said Frank 'It's beyond my wildest dreams! So what's the bad news?'

'You're pitching Tuesday.' Submitted by Lion Dave



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Henry Lobl

Thanks to Lions Tom Rusert, Dick Crawford, Tom Witkowski, and Anne Fahning for contributions to this newsletter. The deadline for the March Newsletter is Saturday March 26th. If you have material for the newsletter, you can e-mail it to Lion Dave Chervinsky, the editor/publisher, at: grandislandiodave@gmail.com.

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The
LIONS CLUB OF KENMORE
Cordially invite you to attend their



20th ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST

(Pancakes—all you can eat, sausage, orange juice, coffee, tea)

DATE: Sunday, March 6, 2016

TIME: 8:00 A.M. — 1:00 P.M.

COST: \$7.00 for Adults
\$4.00 for Children under 12 (Children under 4 are Free)

PLACE: St. Andrew's Church Hall
Elmwood Ave. & Sheridan Drive

TICKETS: * All Kenmore Lions Club Members
* Town of Tonawanda Senior Center
* St. Andrew's Church Hall on day of Breakfast

PLACEMAT ADS: \$25.00 For a Business Card size ad that includes
2 Complimentary Pancake Breakfast Tickets.

Theme Basket Raffle

25 tickets/\$6.00 (winners drawn at Noon, will be notified)
Basket Raffle 8 am — Noon

Split Club every half hour !

Proceeds to benefit:
Ken-Ton Charitable Endeavors

