



# The Grand Island Lion



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## Split Club Jackpot is \$170.00



Lion Paul K. drew the five of clubs at our last meeting. The Lion who draws the ace of hearts will win the pot.



Lions,

The following is from our International President Chancellor Bob Corlew:

"Dear Lion, It's 2017, and our 100th anniversary has finally arrived! For the past three years, Lions have celebrated our Centennial by serving more than 120 million people, inviting new Lions to serve with us, and by making lasting gifts to communities around the world. But Lions' true legacy of service was built in our communities. That's why it's important for clubs like yours to plan your own Centennial celebration. The Centennial year is the perfect time to take your club's celebration to the next level. Planning your own celebration is not only a fun way to bring your club members and your community together, it's also a great opportunity to highlight your club's contributions and show your friends and family what being a Lion is all about. And remember, there's no better way to celebrate—or demonstrate the spirit of Lions—than by helping those in need. Download the Centennial Club Planning Guide to create a celebration plan and take advantage of new opportunities for growth, service and success. Let's make 2017 a year to remember!"



Very truly yours,  
Chancellor Bob Corlew  
Your International President

We will review the planning guide at our next meeting to begin discussing how will incorporate a celebration plan into our 2017 Lions year.

Lion President Dick



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## Upcoming Events:

\*\*Prepare Slate of Officers – Secretary to send notice of election 14 days prior to election

March 8<sup>th</sup> Radisson Inn  
March BOD meeting following Regular Scheduled Meeting

April 12<sup>th</sup> Buffalo Launch Club  
Club Elections/Nominations from the Floor– Board Meeting following Regular Scheduled Meeting

April 24<sup>th</sup> Spaghetti Dinner – Radisson Inn

April 26<sup>th</sup> – Merritton visit to Grand Island

May 10<sup>th</sup> Buffalo Launch Club Regular Meeting.

May 24<sup>th</sup> Radisson Inn– Board Meeting following Regular Scheduled Meeting

June 14 Buffalo Launch Club Installation Dinner.

July 19<sup>th</sup> Special Kids Picnic – Buffalo Launch Club

## Sunshine:

**Our sincere condolences to the Family of Lion Bill Wind Sr. He was a valuable and active member of Our Club for over 17 years. He will be missed by all.**

The 2017 Hopeful Ways Juigalpa Eye Care Mission was a tremendous success. (Seen here) are the numerical statistics, but the real accomplishments have been the positive changes made to the lives of the Nicaraguan people. It takes a village of volunteers and supporters to provide this type of help, aid and support to the Nicaraguan people. The Hopeful Ways mission supporters should appreciate their role in allowing this mission to succeed. Please take a moment to review the results of the most recent mission. Thank you for your support our mission work in Nicaraguan.

Jim Carlins- Hopeful Ways



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## 2017 Nicaragua Eye Care Mission Juigalpa, Chontales, Nicaragua

### Program Objectives

- Provide free quality eye care services to the poor in Nicaragua.
- Train Nicaraguan Lions to provide basic eye care services without a USA brigade
- Through a series of projects, establish sustainable Eye Care Clinics to continue delivering free services after the medical brigade returns to the USA.
- Build relationships between Nicaragua and USA, especially among Lions Clubs.

### Project Support

- Lions Clubs: District 20-N (Western New York) and District 5 (Nicaragua)
- Corporate sponsorship: Alcon, Allergan, Reichert
- FONIPRECE Ophthalmic Clinic

### Medical Brigade

- 21 USA & Canada Brigade Members (+4 Nicaragua Eye Care Professionals)
- 2 Ophthalmologists (2 Nicaraguan)
- 2 Optometrists (1 Nicaraguan)
- 4 Opticians (1 Nicaragua)
- 4 Registered Nurses
- 13 Non-medical Volunteers (including 8 USA Lions, 1 USA Rotarian)

### Patient Eye Care Services

- 2954 Patients treated
- 2917 Vision screening
- 1718 Auto-refractions
- 771 Optometrist examinations
- 31 Prosthetic Eyes
- 2083 Eyeglasses dispensed
- 2749 Sunglasses dispensed
- 186 Safety glasses dispensed
- 2823 Eye drops dispensed

### Surgery

Surgical Condition	Candidates Identified	Surgeries Planned
• Total Evaluated	• 219	• 170
• Cataract	• 109	• 72
• Strabismus	• 9	• 5
• Pterygium	• 33	• 18
• Other Conditions	• 18	• 0
• Non-Surgical	• 50	• 0

### Sustainable Free Eye Care Services

**Objective:** The Hopeful Ways Eye Care Mission promotes sustainable free eye care services for the Nicaraguan poor with minimal to no support from outside Nicaragua, through training for Nicaragua Lions Club members, loans of ophthalmic instruments, surgery funding, and a coalition with FONIPRECE (a Nicaraguan non-profit eye surgery clinic).

- Developed the capacity for independent Nicaragua Lion Eye Care Brigades
  - Hopeful Ways
    - Loaned ophthalmic instruments to Lions Clubs for brigade usage
    - Trained Lions on all required brigade functions
    - Provides surgical medications & supplies thru donations and fundraising
  - Camoapa and Juigalpa Lions Clubs
    - Organize small brigades to provide free eye care services to the poor.
  - FONIPRECE
    - Participate in a Nicaragua Lions small eye care brigades.
- Established a coalition to deliver free eye care surgeries to the poor in Nicaragua.
  - Hopeful Ways
    - Organize / support eye care missions in Nicaragua
    - Identify surgical candidates for Regional Hospital and FONIPRECE
    - Raise funds to cover surgical expenses incurred by FONIPRECE
  - Nicaragua Lions Clubs
    - Support Hopeful Ways Mission projects in Nicaragua.
    - Coordinate patients at for surgical evaluation by FONIPRECE
    - Refer patients to Regional Hospitals for surgical evaluation
    - Coordinate patients scheduled for surgery at FONIPRECE
    - Organize a small eye care brigades without a USA-based medical brigade present by using Nicaraguan Lions and volunteer medical staff.
  - FONIPRECE Non-profit Eye Surgery Clinic
    - Evaluate surgical candidates identified by Hopeful Ways and Lions
    - Provide surgery (cataracts, strabismus) at cost with free medical labor.
  - Regional Hospitals
    - Evaluate surgical candidates identified by Hopeful Ways and Lions
    - Provide free minor eye surgeries (pterygium, etc.)

### Goodwill Activities

- Hopeful Ways donated medications and surgical supplies from excess inventories to FONIPRECE Clinic to use on surgical patients identified during the Eye Care Projects.
- Hopeful Ways delivered donated medical supplies to the Juigalpa Regional Hospital for the neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) to improve health care for premature birth babies and breast feeding mothers.
- A Hopeful Ways volunteer delivered donated baseball equipment to fully equip a Juigalpa baseball team, bats, balls, gloves, catcher's gear, hats, and helmets.
- All children entering the clinic received a small toy to comfort them and keep them entertained during their long wait for clinic services.
- Hopeful Ways volunteers distributed toys to children in an extremely poor roadside rural community. It was like Christmas morning for the children.



Lion Anne Fahning (top center) of Our Grand Island Lions Club returned to Nicaragua this winter to help the Hopeful Ways Mission!



Dear Lions,

Our vision screening project is underway! It will launch starting with a 3-5 minute presentation to the school board at their meeting this Monday, February 27, at the High School's Professional Development Room. The meeting starts at 7:30pm. The benefits of our free screening will be highlighted with a brief show-and-tell of the screener itself. It would be great if we had several Lions members there as support for



the project.

The actual screenings will take place starting at Sidway on Monday, March 6, at 9:30am. 22 classes will be screened. Two or three trained Lions will operate the screeners with the opportunity for our interested club members to learn the process and to assist at the screenings. Your duties will include ensuring the children are lined up correctly because their data will have been previously entered into the screeners. The screenings will take place in each classroom and should take no longer than 30 minutes per class to complete. All screenings should be completed by early afternoon around 2:30 pm.

The second set of screenings will take place at Kaegebein on Wednesday, March 8, at 9:30 am. Only second grade kids will be screened. Then Huth Road second-graders will be screened starting at 11:00 am. We will need 1 or 2 volunteers to assist at these two schools.

If you would like to volunteer at the screenings, please let me know as soon as possible. Even if you cannot stay all day, even a few hours will be of immense help and you will save sight!

Attached is the screener brochure. Here is the link for the Lions S.E.E. (Saving Eyes Early) program: <http://www.lionsseeny.org/>

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## 2017 Bowling Results

Marla Crawford  
125 + 101 = 226 – Avg. 113

Donna  
96 + 70 = 166 – Avg. 83

Anne  
58 + 45 = 103 = Avg. 51.5

Brenda  
128 + 106 = 234 Avg. 117

Paul K  
137 + 123 = 260 – Avg. 130

Shelia  
113 + 104 = 217 – Avg. 108.5

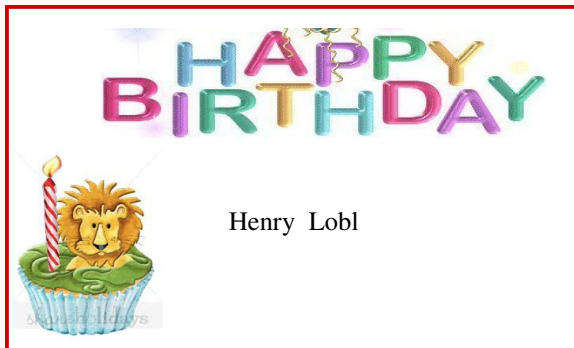
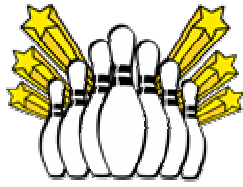
Dick Crawford  
104 + 160 = 264 – Avg. 132

Stu  
101 + 112 = 213 – Avg. 106.5

Bob  
87 + 106 = 193 – Avg. 96.5

Brooks  
92 + 132 = Avg. 112

Tom W.  
85 + 73 = 158 – Avg. 79



Thanks to Lions Dick Crawford, Tom Witkowski, Shelia Ferrintino, Anne Fahning and Donna Lavalley for contributions to this newsletter. The deadline for the April Newsletter is Sunday March 26th. If you have material for the newsletter, you can e-mail it to Lion Dave Chervinsky, the editor/publisher, at:

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**Lions:**

**we are still collecting food items for the Neighbors Foundation and used cell phones for the Sheriffs program to help domestic violence victims. Also Bottle Junction is now giving \$.06 per item. No need to wait as they will count and credit to our Lions account if we so designate!**

**Lion Tom R**