



The Grand Island Lion

May 2023

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Merritton/Grand Island Lions
Joint Meeting
Wednesday, May 10th
Merritton Community Center
Car pool at Mighty Taco 5:30PM

General Meeting
Wednesday May 25th
Bridgeview Tavern 6:30PM
Program: Peace Poster Awards

Intallation Dinner
Wednesday June 7th
Details to follow.

Lions,

The spaghetti dinner is in the books! Expectations were unknown due to the covid epidemic. We have not offered our famous sit-down dinner due to covid and did very well with take out only the past two years. With a change of venue to Ellden's at River Oaks we planned and with the culinary help of Chef Chris we pulled off a home run. The community came out in droves for sit down and a very busy take out. Patrons waited patiently for take-out service and bought raffle tickets. The baked goods sold out early.



An event of this type is only successful with commitment and hard work. Thank you to the community for coming out and supporting our cause. The decades of corporate sponsorship by TOPS Markets is monumental to our success. The businesses that donate to our basket raffle, the volunteers from Young Life and other members of the community pitching in.

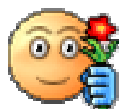
To our members, thank you for answering the call, our success is shared together. The result, our continuing effort to aid in our community and world-wide.

We certainly lived up to our motto **"We Serve" !!**



Our next meeting will be May 10th with our Sister Club Merritton. We will leave the Mighty Taco plaza at 5:30pm SHARPE!

Lion Dick



Please continue to keep Lion Henry in your thoughts and prayers as he recovers from a recent illness.

slate of officers for the 2023 - 2024 Lions year.

Nominations will be accepted from the floor at the next regular schedules meeting April 26th at 6:30pm at the Bridgeview Tavern, 971 East River Road.

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| President Lion | Kelly McGarvey |
| 1 st Vice President | Lion Tom Rusert |
| Corresponding Secretary | Lion Jim Ryan |
| Recording Secretary | Lion Donna LaVallee |
| Treasurer | Lion Tom Witkowski |
| Tail Twister/Lion Tamer | Lion Ashley Digati, Lion Tom Digati |
| 1 Year Director | Lion Paul Bassette |
| 1 Year Director | OPEN |
| 2 Year Director | Lion Susan Standora |
| 2 Year Director | Lion Anne Fahning |
| Membership Director | Lion Shelia Ferrentino |
| Immediate Past President | Lion Dick Crawford |



Our Lions did a hot dog sale fundraiser at the Nike base on Arbor day. Shown left to right: Lion Kelly McGarvey, Olivia Corcaran, Bob Fahning, Lion Anne Fahning and Lion President Dick Crawford. Artwork was done by Marla Crawford.



Our Grand Island Lions volunteered in the Island wide cleanup for Arbor day. Shown here after cleaning up trash on Grand Island blvd from left to right are Lions Kelly McGarvey, Paul Bassette, Anne Fahning, Susan Standora and Husband Ed Standora.





The Grand Island Lions Held their 54th annual Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser on April 24th at Ellden's River Oaks Grille and Banquet Center. Thanks to Elldens staff, Tops Markets and all the volunteers, it was a huge success. Photos courtesy Lion Shelia Ferrentino.



Thanks to Lions Tom Rusert, Donna Lavallee Susan Standora, Shelia Ferrentino, and Dick Crawford for contributions to this newsletter. The deadline for the June Newsletter is Friday May 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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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



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Lion Tom Rusert



**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

Danielle J. Rose