



The Grand Island Lion

May 2014

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Split Club



Will Resume in
May



WE SERVE

Upcoming events:

Wednesday May 14th

Lions General Meeting
Cocktails 6:30PM Dinner 7PM

Program: Kevin Kulakowski
from Young Life

Wednesday May 28th

Lions General Meeting
Buffalo Launch Club
Cocktails 6:30PM Dinner 7PM

Program: Peace Poster Awards

April was a good month for the GI Lions. A very respectable number (10) Island Lions made the trip to Merritton on April 9th. It's always fun to visit our brothers and sisters there.

Last week, Sheri Shaw, Director of Vision Rehabilitation, from the Olmsted Center for Sight was our guest and told us about the wonderful work they do. We were all struck about how close the mission of the Olmsted Center is our own mission as Lions.

I write this the day after the Spaghetti Dinner which was a rousing success. It's a good thing when it's hard to find a seat. So many Lions work above and beyond preparing for and executing the dinner. There's chairman Lion Dick, cooks Lions Dan and Tom D, basket person extraordinary Lion Anne and helper Lion Shelia, Lions Annette & Donna on the dessert table, Lion Henry pastry chef, Lion Fred serving all night long, Lions Tom R, Dave, Mike, Paul, Lion Tom W bringing in our agencies for the first time. Forgive me if I missed anyone. Great job by all!!!

The speaker at the first meeting is Kevin Kulakowski from Young Life (they helped a lot at the dinner!). The 2nd meeting will be Lion Paul and his Peace Poster artists and their families.

Come enjoy the fellowship in May with your fellow Lions!

Yours in service,

Lion President Brooks



Spaghetti Dinner News

Our annual dinner held at Byblos Resort and Conference Center on Monday April 28, was a whopping success. with people standing in line to get Dan Morabito's sauce. Columnist Doug Smith who wrote his column on Monday in the Niagara Gazette talking about the dinner and the Special kids picnic commented that the column probably cost him his share of meatballs as the supply was gone by 6:15.

The club is truly grateful for all the Island businesses that donated goods and services for the Basket Raffle

Our heartfelt thanks goes out to the following bakers, Lions or partners in service, who provided all the cookies, cupcakes, brownies, pies and breads at the Spaghetti Dinner- Judy Bassette, Jane Chervinsky, Marla Crawford, Rita DeGlopper, Anne Fahning, Shelia Ferrentino, Patti Frentzel, Julie Lavallee, Brenda Rimes, Peggy Rusert, Renee Steinagel, Mary Jo Tucker, Diana Witkowski, Henry and Annette Lobl.

In addition our good friends Supervisor Mary Cooke and her daughter, Jane and Carol Aronica (Councilman Chris Aronica's Mom) donated cakes, cookies and breads. Scout Trop 620, and Young life volunteers who helped set up, serve and clean -up provided much needed help. Thank-You.

Lions Dick Crawford and Anne Fahning worked weeks before and during the day to bring the raffle and dinner to a successful outcome.

Helping Lions were Brooks Rimes, Tom De Carlo, Mike Steinagel, Paul Bassette, Tom Rusert, Dave Chervinsky, Donna Lavallee, Fred Ruocco, Henry and Annette Lobl, Shelia Ferrentino, MaryJo Tucker and Tom Witkowski.

Grand Island is a great place to live seeing the turnout for our spaghetti dinner. with so many Islanders supporting our efforts.

Lion Annette

EXPERIENCING VISION LOSS?

Olmsted Center for Sight is Your Solution to Independent living

Are you or someone you know noticing change in vision? Perhaps you are having difficulty with routine, daily tasks such as reading the mail, setting the thermostat, dialing the phone, or identifying medications? You might be suffering from Age-related Macular Degeneration (AMD).

AMD is the leading cause of severe vision loss in people over age 60. It occurs when the small central portion of the retina, known as the macula, deteriorates. The retina is the light-sensing nerve tissue at the back of the eye. Because the disease develops as a person ages, it is often referred to as age-related macular degeneration (AMD). Although macular degeneration is almost never a totally blinding condition, it can be a source of significant visual disability which can in turn affect your independence.

Olmsted Center for Sight's low vision clinic provides one-on-one interaction with clients to help them overcome the fears and challenges that a visual impairment can cause. Book an appointment with low vision rehabilitation specialist Dr. James Simmons, OD, MS for a thorough evaluation. The program is staffed with registered nurses and specialists specifically trained in working with seniors with vision loss.

Our FREE home-based assessments, in conjunction with our low vision and vision-related medical services provided by our clinical staff, may significantly improve the quality of life as well as increase and/or maintain the independence of seniors.

Many of our clients have benefited from utilizing our available resources including:

- Talking Books
- Radio Reading Service
- Free Directory Assistance and Dial Operator Privileges
- Handicapped Parking Permits
- Large Print Thermostats for National Fuel Customers

For more information on these and other Olmsted Center for Sight services, please call (716) 888-4556 and mention the Grand Island Lion Newsletter or visit www.olmstedcenter.org. The Olmsted Center for Sight is located at 1170 Main Street in the city of Buffalo.





Grand Island Lions Spaghetti Dinner. Held on April 28th at Byblos Resort and Spa.



Group Photo of the Grand Island and Merritton Lions Joint Meeting held on April 14th at the Merritton Clubhouse, Merritton ON.

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

Thomas Butler 14-May
Diane M. Dubiel 15-May
Fred Ruocco 15-May



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Thanks in large part to the efforts of Lion Tom Witkowski, our Grand Island Lions Club recently applied for and received a \$2000 grant from the Brandel-Murphy Youth Foundation to help Miracle League of Grand Island with their handicapped accessible playground.

Thanks to Lions Tom Witkowski, Donna Lavallee, Glenn Connell, Annette Boies-Lobl and Brooks Rimes for contributions to this newsletter. The deadline for the June Newsletter is Saturday May 31st. If you have material for the newsletter, you can e-mail it to Lion Dave Chervinsky, the editor/publisher, at:
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