



The Grand Island Lion

May 2018

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Upcoming Events:



WE SERVE

Wednesday May 9th

Location Radisson Inn

Wednesday May 23rd

Location BLC

Wednesday June 13th

Installation Dinner

Location BLC

Wednesday July 18th

Special Kids Picnic

Location BLC

April has been a very pleasant month for the GI Lions. On April 11th we had a presentation by Lion Anne on the home assessment process. I personally learned about the ins and outs of a "finished" basement. On April 23rd we held our annual spaghetti dinner. This was, thanks to coordinator Lion Dick and all who gave their time efforts and energy, a great success. On April 25th I and 11 other GI Lions went to Canada and met with the Lions from our sister club. This meeting was, as usual, fun. The Merritton Lions were great hosts.



As you know, Lions deliver meals on wheels the first and third Fridays of the month. Lion Annette schedules the participating Lions. On a few occasions, meals were delivered by others not scheduled (either Lions or other volunteers). There is little more demoralizing for a volunteer to prepare to work and not be needed.

We meet again on May 9th at the Radisson with the program to be announced. The meeting on May 23rd will be our Peace Poster awards and will be held at the Launch Club. On June 13th we will have our last regular meeting of the year. At this meeting, I hope to induct a new member and install the officers for next year. I am looking forward to seeing you there with guests.

I would like to thank all of you for your continued support and the amazing way things get done sometimes despite my leadership.

LP Henry

50/50



The split club is at \$253. Lion Brooks drew the 10 of spades at our last meeting. The Lion who draws the ace of hearts will win the pot!



Airview of Grand Island Tourist Camp
On Express Highway Route 324
Grand Island, New York

Lion Bob Goulding, Our Lion who has served the Lions for more than 60 years shared some old news clippings from the Riverside Lions Club of which he was a member. The caption for the top pic says: "This aerial view postcard of the Grand Island Tourist Camp on Express Highway (Route 324) at Staley Road advertised hot and cold running water in every room and Simmons beds and innerspring mattresses all at reasonable rates. The business was operated by Dale D. Arner whose daughter, Deane (Arner) Long, a schoolgirl at the time, remembers her father bringing trolley cars over to the island in the late 1930s. In 1947, the town board granted a request to Ann Arner to open a restaurant in one of the converted trolleycars." The photo was taken "APPROX. 1948-1950".



The picture on the left advertises the Riverside Lions Picnic. At the bottom of the picture is Lion Bob's wife Betty between her parents. On the next page is a Riverside Lions float from a 1965 4th of July parade.

THIS MONTAGE OF RESIDENTS pictured enjoying themselves at a previous Riverside Lions Club Basket Picnic was composed to help publicize the Wednesday, Aug. 3, 1938 picnic at Long Beach, Ontario. You can tell that "a fun time was had by all" by all the smiles on the happy faces.



Spaghetti Dinner Bake Sale

The sale provided yummy delights thanks to the following contributors:

Jane Chervinsky, Mary Cooke, Mary Patterson, Bob Goulding's granddaughter-Ms. Pressly, Brenda Rimes, Judy Krupa, Kristen DiJohn, Patti Frentzel, and Lions Tom Witkowski, Paul Bassette, Henry, Anne, Kelly, Shelia, Donna, Cyndie, Danielle, and Sarah.

Lions Clubs Supporting Spaghetti Dinner
It was great to see DG Sharon Battaglia and her husband CS Rick and Lions from Town of Niagara, Kenmore, Sheridan Drive and our sister club Merritton enjoying food and fun.

Lion Annette

Booster Night
at
DICK & JENNY'S

Tuesday May, 15th
5pm-10pm

Please donate 20% of
our dinner bill to...




1270 Baseline Rd
Grand Island, NY 14072
716-775-5047
www.dickandjennysny.com

**Grand Island
Lions Club**

Thank you for your support from all of us at Dick & Jenny's.

Lions, Save the date for booster night. Print this page and bring it to the restaurant in order for our club to get credit!

Thank you, Lion Kelly.



Our Lions answer the bell! In April our club had a very successful spaghetti dinner fundraiser and enjoyed camaraderie and friendship when our Merritton Sister Club hosted us for a joint meeting. These pictures highlight those enjoyable moments.

Learning with Lions! Join Us on May 12 for 20-N District Training

As Lions, we always strive to make a bigger difference – to expand our impact and serve as many as we can. To that end, District 20-N is committed to helping you be more effective, grow your clubs, retain and encourage members, and make service efforts more visible. This year's District 20-N Training is focused on supporting your desire to learn and grow. **Please join us on Saturday morning May 12 for our District Training!**

Traditionally our annual training has focused on preparing new officers as they ready themselves to assume leadership roles. This year we also want to provide sessions for all Lions – beyond just officers. Please share that plan with your clubs and encourage your members to attend. Sessions to be held are outlined below.

Session 1 – participate in one of the following:	Session 2 – participate in one of the following		
A	Etiquette with Visually Impaired	A	Creative Fundraising and Club Marketing
B	LCI's New Service Framework	B	Club Secretary
C	Region and Zone Chair	C	Club Treasurer
D	President/Vice President	D	New Member Roundtable

The training will be held at Erie 1 BOCES, 355 Harlem Road, West Seneca. Registration will be from 9:00-9:30. Session 1 will be held from 9:30-10:30, Session 2 from 10:45-11:45. Lunch will be available 11:45-12:30 – and a brief Cabinet Meeting will be held from 12:30-1:30 PM.

Cost is \$25 per club – which includes lunch. Please RSVP to CS Rick Battaglia at rickb20n@gmail.com – letting him know the number of people from your club attending. Checks should be made payable to District 20-N Lions and can be mailed to CS Rick at 6532 Wills Hollow, Lockport, NY 14094 – or payable at the door.

Session Descriptions:

Session 1A: Lion Debbie Gajewski, President of the Sheridan Drive Lions, will lead a session that will leave all participants more knowledge about and comfortable with interactions with those that are blind or visually impaired. As Lions, we are often spending time with blind and visually impaired individuals – yet we don't know the dos and don'ts of interacting in the most helpful and respectful way.

Session 1B: DG Sharon will provide an overview of the new LCI Service Framework – including new initiatives in diabetes and pediatric cancer. This will be a great opportunity to learn from each other about how we can make a difference.

Session 1C: VDG Jeff Jarvis will lead a session for Region and Zone Chairs – to learn more about the role, as well as his expectations for how he desires to work with and support them during his upcoming DG year.

Session 1D: CS/GLT Rick Battaglia looks forward to meeting and working with new club Presidents and Vice Presidents. In this highly interactive session, Lion Rick will not only focus on "what a President does", but how they should consider doing it.

Session 2A: DG Sharon wants all participants in this session to come armed with ideas about creative fundraising ideas. We all have our pancake breakfasts and spaghetti dinners – but some of us have offbeat and successful approaches beyond those traditional Lions fundraisers. Come and share ideas – and hear from others! Additionally, PDG John Haak will offer some thoughts on how we can get the word out and move from Lions being the best kept secret in town!

Session 2B: Bring your laptops for hands-on experience as the role and online mechanics of being Club Secretary are reviewed.

Session 2C: Lion Roger Lis is poised to share his guidance about the role of Club Treasurer – and best practices associated with it. Never dull, Lion Roger is a wealth of information.

Session 2D: CS/GLT Rick Battaglia will be hosting the new member roundtable. This will be an informal, interactive session during which new members can share the good, bad, and ugly of how it has felt when joining a club as a new member. This will be an opportunity to have some of those unanswered questions – questions likely shared by many other new Lions – asked and answered. It will also provide an opportunity to meet other new Lions and compare notes.

20-N District Training
Saturday Morning
May 12, 2018




\$25 PER CLUB (including lunch – what a bargain!)

Sessions

- Etiquette with visually impaired
- President/Vice President
- LCI Service Framework
- Club Secretary
- Creative fundraising and club marketing
- Club Treasurer
- Region/Zone Chair
- New member roundtable

Registration 9-9:30, Session 1 9:30-10:30,
Session 2 10:45-11:45, Lunch 11:45-12:30
Cabinet Meeting to follow lunch (12:30-1:30)
Erie 1 BOCES, 355 Harlem Road, West Seneca



American Red Cross


Military Family Salute and Reconnection Brunch
For Military Families, Active-Duty Service Members, Veterans and Reservists

Saturday, May 19, 2018 10:30 AM—1:00 PM
Leonard Post, Jr. #6251—VFW
2450 Walden Avenue, Cheektowaga, NY

Brunch will be provided.
This event is FREE to all military families, friends, active duty service members, veterans, reservists and agency partners.

Service providers will be present, providing information on resources and programs for the military, veterans, reservists and their families.

Seating Space is limited, so please RSVP by May 14, 2018
To RSVP, call the American Red Cross and leave a message at 716-878-2371 or email Lisa.Taibi@redcross.org




Gary B. Belkitch
Congressional Medal of Honor Recipient

Gary B. Belkitch is a former United States Army soldier who received the United States military's highest decoration, the Medal of Honor, for his actions in the Vietnam War. A combat medic, Belkitch was awarded the medal for exposing himself to intense fire in order to rescue and treat the wounded, and for continuing to provide medical care despite his own serious wounds, during a battle at Dak Seang Camp, Vietnam.

Gary is recently retired after working 33 years as a middle school counselor. He's been married 43 years to his wife Lorenne and has 3 children and 14 grandchildren. He is a recent cancer survivor.

Belkitch joined the U.S. Army in August 1967. After completing special forces training and combat medic training, he was sent to Vietnam in July 1968.





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KEEP  YOUR
TREASURER HAPPY!
KEEP
CALM
AND
RENEW YOUR
MEMBERSHIP
BEFORE JUNE 15!

Lions, it's that time again to pay your dues. The cost remains the same: \$75.00. Please make your checks out to "Grand Island Lions Club" and mail them to PO Box 71, Grand Island 14072. Or you can pay your dues at any of our meetings between now and our Installation Dinner in June. If you do not pay by June 15th, we need to avoid any charges from the International, the multiple, and the district by removing ("dropping") you from our membership rolls after that date. You can rejoin in six months after you have been dropped simply by paying your dues. There's a lot of work behind the scenes that needs to be done when you don't pay on time. So why not do the deed today?

Thanks!

Lion Tom Witkowski
Treasurer

Bufallo News Kids Day
Best year ever! \$774 for \$400 papers!

Thanks to our terrific team:
Lions Dave, Shelia, Tom W,
Kelly and yours truly

What a gorgeous spring morning! Kelly was given a \$50 bill for a newspaper. Keep the change! Consider helping next year. It's such a worthwhile cause.

"many hands make light work"

Yours in service. Lion Anne



Members should continue to bring nonperishable food items to our meetings for benefit of the Neighbors Foundation Food Bank, and used cell phones can be re-purposed by the Erie County Sheriff's domestic violence unit.

Also Bottle Junction credits our club 6 cents on every deposit can or bottle returned. The advantage of this donation is you do not have to wait. Just tell them to donate the proceeds to the Lions. Last month we received 175.86! Thank you to all who participated.

Lion Tom Rusert



Thanks to Lions Tom Witkowski, Henry Lobl, Annette-Boies Lobl, Anne Fahning, Kelly McGarvey, Glenn Connell, Bob Goulding, Dick Crawford, Donna Lavalley and Tom Rusert for contributions to this newsletter. The deadline for the June Newsletter is Saturday May 26th. If you have material for the newsletter, you can e-mail it to Lion Dave Chervinsky, the editor/publisher, at:

grandislandliodave@gmail.com.

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HAPPY
BIRTHDAY



Danielle Rose
Thomas Butler
Fred Ruocco