



# The Grand Island Lion

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## Upcoming Events:

### Grand Island Lions Club Meeting Dates and Places for- 2020

Cost to Club will be \$26. All reservations must be made by the Monday before the meeting. If you reserve and do not attend you will be charged as the Club is charged for all reservations, You will receive an e-mail from Lion Danielle Rose.

JUNE 10,2020 BLC INSTALLATION DINNER  
Tentative, TBA

July 15th 2020 Special Kids Picnic Tentative TBA

Dear Lions,

You have been in my thoughts and I look forward to seeing all of you again.

We sometimes take for granted things like being in the presence of friends until we can no longer meet.

A positive outcome of this ordeal maybe a better appreciation of the little things.

The Board of Directors have "met" and the Nominating committee will soon recommend a slate of Officers and Directors for next year. As members you will have an opportunity to vote on it.

I look forward to some warmer weather and sunshine to lift our spirits. It will be therapeutic I think, to get outside and stretch our bodies and minds!

It's true that while we are apart we are not separated, as we share a common bond of service. I can't wait to get back to serving and giving to our community in a physical way. I'm sure you feel the same.

In the meantime, stay well and stay happy!

With my very best wishes,

Lion Pres. Anne



Lions,  
Our annual membership dues must be paid by June 1st according to Club bylaws. Payment of \$75.00 or family rate of \$128.50 should be mailed to our PO Box 71, Grand Island NY 14072.  
Thank you, Lion Kelly

Don't forget to wear your magnetic Lion emblem. Show the public you are a Lion. Words of wisdom: Perseverance breeds "success"



Lion Bob Goulding



**GRAND ISLAND LIONS RECEIVE GRANT FOR FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER**

Our club has been approved as the sponsor for the Children’s Room of the newest Family Justice Center satellite located in the former parsonage of Trinity United Methodist Church on Whitehaven Road. We have secured a \$1,500 matching grant from the Brandel-Murphy Youth Foundation that provides grants for Lions-sponsored projects across New York State that demonstrate focus for helping children in need. With contributions from the community through our fundraisers and the foundation, the funds will provide the means for children to have a welcome respite from the trauma that accompanies domestic violence cases.

Marcey Bryant, FJC’s Marketing, Events & Fundraising Specialist stated: “Similar to other FJC locations, the Grand Island satellite will host a room for children, stocked with toys, games, books, and more; that allows children to do what they do best – play! Rather than join their parent and relive the trauma of the verbal, emotional and physical abuse going on at home, children can play under the supervision of trained staff and volunteers, while their parent or guardian receives services with our domestic violence advocates... We are so happy and thankful that the Grand Island Lions Club, and Brandel-Murphy Youth Foundation, has committed to sponsoring the Children’s Room at our new Grand Island site!”

The Brandel-Murphy Youth Foundation has also provided past matching grants to us for the Miracle League playground, the annual Special Kids Picnic held at the Buffalo Launch Club, and the new playground at Sidway Elementary. All told, \$13,000 obtained from the generous donations of local citizens to our club and matching grants from the Foundation have made life better for all kids who live and visit here. Once safe to do so (hopefully in June), work will commence to complete the rehabilitation of the center. At that time, the \$3,000 funding will be released to the center.



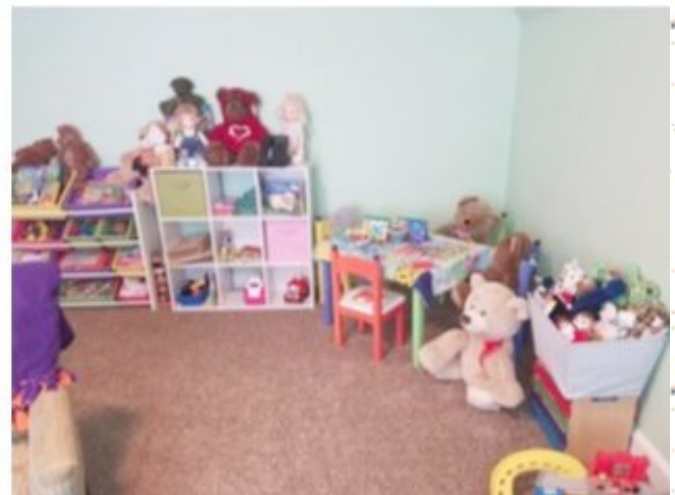
Picture of the family Justice Center

**LIONS RECEIVE VOLUNTEER TRAINING FOR FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER**



Lion President Anne Fahning and Treasurer Tom Witkowski attended online training to learn about volunteer opportunities at the future Family Justice Center satellite on Grand Island. Their work will entail communicating with the public, setting appointments, fielding calls, and observing protocols for answering the Safeline among other tasks as required. They learned the core values of advocacy as opposed to being in the role of a “rescuer”. Identifying the different types of domestic violence and abuse is critical in establishing a plan for escape for the abused spouse. The topic of child abuse and neglect was extensively covered during the training session. Follow-up and additional online training will eventually lead to on-the-job training under the guidance of a FJC counselor to ensure confidentiality is maintained during all contacts with the public.

**Current Children’s Playroom at Amherst Satellite**

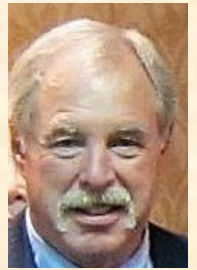


Part of the room serves as a Children’s playroom (above) and the other part serves as a client "Living Room" for busy days (below).



## Lions,

Non-perishable food items will be collected to benefit the Grand Island Neighbors Foundation when we resume meetings. **Eighty pounds of food has been delivered to the Neighbors Foundation from our ongoing collection.** Also used cell phones are needed by the Sheriff's Department Domestic Violence unit. Phones are reprogrammed for emergency use by victims under their watch.



Please return your empties to Bottle and Can Retrieval Center 2447 Grand Island Blvd, Grand Island, NY. Just mention that you would like the deposit money to be credited to the Grand Island Lions Club. At our January meeting I presented Our Club a check for \$202.25 from Bottle Junction.

Stuart Sports has many styles and colors of polo shirts along with other apparel available. Stop in and peruse their catalogs and request that the Grand Island Lions logo be applied to your selection.

It's just a short drive to Lewiston:

Stuart Sports 486 Center St. Lewiston, NY (716-754-4895)

<http://www.stuartsportsinc.com/>

Lion Tom Rusert

The reason a dog has so many friends is that he wags his tail instead of his tongue.

-Anonymous

There is no psychiatrist in the world like a puppy licking your face.

-Ben Williams

The average dog is a nicer person than the average person.

-Andy Rooney

A dog teaches a boy fidelity, perseverance, and to turn around three times before lying down.

-Robert Benchley

If your dog is fat, you aren't getting enough exercise.

-Unknown

Dogs are not our whole life, but they make our lives whole.

-Roger Caras

If you think dogs can't count, try putting three dog biscuits in your pocket and then give him only two of them.

-Phil Pastoret

My goal in life is to be as good of a person my dog already thinks I am.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Danielle J. Rose

Thomas Butler

Fred Ruocco

Grand Island Lions Club,

Thank you so much for donating to my MEDLIFE mission trip to Lima, Peru. I appreciate your support so much, and I know the people of Lima will do well. I feel so lucky to be part of such a close-knit community so full of love and support. In regards to Anne Fahning's follow-up letter, I would love to come to a meeting and share my experience in Lima. I will arrive home from school April 25<sup>th</sup>, so anytime after that will work. I can reach out to you around that time or vice-versa. Again, thank you so much for your support. I am so excited to go on this trip and it means a lot to me that you see that.

Best wishes,  
Claire Beecher  
(716) 255-2462

Thanks to Lions Tom Rusert, Bob Goulding, Kelly McGarvey, Tom Witkowski, Annette Boies-Lobl, and Anne Fahning, for contributions to this newsletter. The deadline for the June Newsletter is Friday May 29th. If you have material for the newsletter, you can e-mail it to Lion Dave Chervinsky, the editor/publisher:

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