



The Grand Island Lion

May 2022

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Upcoming Events:

May 11:
Lions General Meeting
G.I. Community Center 6:30pm

May 25:
Lions General Meeting
Buffalo Launch Club 6:30pm
Program: Peace Poster Awards

June 8:
Lions Installation Dinner
Buffalo Launch 6:30pm

Lions,

We just finished a very successful Spaghetti Dinner. I would like to thank the members of the club for their continued support and assistance in the annual dinner. The dinner has been successful thanks to the continued support of our community. We could not pull it off without the support of TOPS Markets and Manager Mike Maio and those businesses that donate to our basket raffle. The drive thru operation has proven to be very successful until the teaming rain hit, this did not stop Lions Anne Fahning, Kelly McGarvey, Jim Ryan and the youth from Young Life from jumping through puddles to get dinners served. Please think about attending one of the three remaining meetings, May 11th at the Community Center, May 25th at the Buffalo Launch Club to honor the Peace Poster winners and June 8th at the Launch Club for the installation of officers for the 2022-2023 year.



Plans are under way to hold the annual Kids Picnic at the Buffalo Launch Club after being postponed for the last three years.


“Without community service, we would not have a strong quality of life. It’s important to the person who serves as well as the recipient. It’s the way in which we ourselves grow and develop”.

Lion Dick



WE SERVE

Lions....At our April 13th meeting we had no nominations from the floor. Members voted to to accept the new 2022-2023 Slate of Officers as below. Congratulations to the new officers!

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| President | Dick Crawford |  |
| 1st VP | Kelly McGarvey | |
| 2nd VP | Shelia Ferrentino | |
| Corresponding Secretary | Jim Ryan | |
| Recording Secretary | Donna LaVallee | |
| Treasurer | Tom Witkowski | |
| Tail Twister/Lion Tamer | Ashley & Tom Digati | |
| Director 1 Year | Anne Fahning | |
| Director 1 Year | Henry Lobl | |
| Director 2 Years | Tom Rusert | |
| Director 2 Years | Paul Bassetti | |
| Membership Director | Tom Rusert & Shelia Ferrentino | |

As a separate note - I will be calling all members to schedule your help for our upcoming Spaghetti Dinner on Monday, April 25th. We could really use ALL members help for this fundraiser.

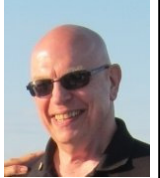
Lion Kelly

Lion membership dues are due by June 1st. Mail checks to our Grand Island PO Box 71 or bring cash or check to our next meeting on May 11th. Single dues are \$75.00 / family dues are \$128.50. Thanks

Lion Kelly

TWO LIONS STATE CONVENTION REGISTRATIONS AVAILABLE

Our club will pay for two registrations for the upcoming convention in Niagara Falls on May 20-22. If you would like to go, and I can't say enough about the enjoyment that comes along with attending, please go online to md20lions.com and register. Provide proof of registration and your payment and I will see to it that you get reimbursed. If you need help in registering, call Lion Tom Witkowski, 716-909-1862.



POP-UP EYEGLASS CLINIC VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Tonawanda Erie Canal Gateway Lion Jeremy Schnurr and I have been the Guiding Lions for the Niagara Falls Community Lions Club for almost two years (yes, they did renew our "contract"). One of our duties includes promotion of events involving their club. Since Niagara Falls is considered an economically depressed area, the Niagara Falls Lions have teamed up with the Kenmore Better Vision Lions Club Branch, a branch club formed under the guidance of the Kenmore Lions, to host a Pop-Up Eyeglass Clinic (see flyer) allowing anybody to obtain a no-cost professionally administered eye exam and eyeglasses - all at no charge. What is needed are trained volunteers to assist at the clinic. Training will involve a three-hour session on May 7 at the Salvation Army (address on flyer) between noon and 3pm. Volunteers will then be prepared to handle the influx of people on the day of the clinic, May 14. You may choose to pick the hours you wish to assist. Please consider this request as it so fits our purpose of being Lions. There is no residency requirement and the event is open to the public. Please contact President Rob Nichols, 716-213-3295, Nichols14092@yahoo.com.

Installation Dinner.

"Hello Lions this is a reminder that we are having our 2022/23 Installation Dinner on Wednesday June 8th at the Buffalo Launch Club. Social hour starting at 6pm with cash bar next to our meeting area. Dinner at 7.

There are two dinner choices. Chicken Scalopini or Parmesan Crusted Haddock. Both meals come with bread/rolls butter, dinner salad, Green Beans and Garlic Mashed Red potatoes and dessert. Total price with tax and tip included is \$35 per person.

I will need a final count no later than Mid May. You can e-mail me at paulkrupa80@gmail.com or call me at 716-260-0860.

I look forward to a great turnout and evening with the installation of our new officers and directors as well as the presentation of several important Awards"

Lion Paul Krupa



Grand Island Lions doing what they do best at our Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser held at the Knights of Columbus Hall on April 25th. Pictures courtesy of Lion Shelia Ferrantino. More pics on Page five.



Spaghetti Dinner Pics continued:



Thank you:

Dear Grand Island Lions Club,
 On behalf of the GIBAS Lions Club, I would like to thank you for your generous donation of \$100. The funds will help support the purchase of equipment and ice time for the Blind Hockey Team. This is a new and exciting initiative and we sincerely appreciate the support from all the members of the Grand Island Lions Club!

With thanks and gratitude,
 Kim Mead, Colegrove
 GIBAS Secretary

3/15/22
 Dear Lion Tomert -
 The Grand Island Lions -
 Thank you for your donation
 to the Spring Olympics. We are
 having a Great Tomato Juice Tasting
 a full reporting around September!
 SO meet is scheduled for Harborth
 College, June 25, 2022. Stay
 well.
 Sincerely,
 Jim Baker
 2/16
 2022

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 can be brought to each meeting or dropped off to me at 895 North Colony Road.

Lion Tom Rusert

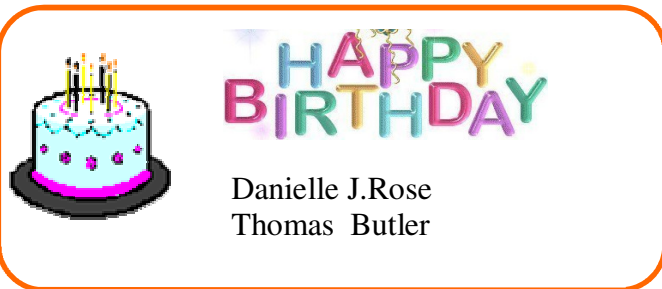
Stuart Sports has many styles and colors of polo shirts along with other apparel available. Stop in and peruse their catalogs and request that the Grand Island Lions logo be applied to your selection.



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



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Danielle J. Rose
 Thomas Butler

Thanks to Lions Tom Rusert, Tom Witkowski, Shelia Ferrantino, Kelly McGarvey, Donna Lavalley, Paul Krupa, and Dick Crawford for contributions to this newsletter. The deadline for the June Newsletter is Friday May 27th. If you have material for the newsletter, you can e-mail it to Lion Dave Chervinsky, the editor/publisher at: grandislandliondave@gmail.com.

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