



# The Grand Island Lion

November 2007

## Meetings for October 2007



Wednesday November 14th  
Holiday Inn  
Cocktails 6:30 Dinner 7PM  
Program: Krav Maga Self Defense  
**Board Meeting to follow**



Wednesday November 28th  
Buffalo Launch Club  
Cocktails at 6:30 Dinner 7PM  
Program: Donna LaVallee  
Current Practice in Audiology



Our Lions Board took the International Presidents' Motto to heart by meeting at Tim Hortons/Wendy's at 7AM Monday October 1st. The Motto "Challenge to Change" was used in this case to keep all members active in our club. The Board agreed to meeting on Monday mornings every other month for the coming year. Pictured clockwise from the front left are Lions Henry Lobl, Kathie Norris, Dick Crawford, Mike Steinagel, Norm Hahn, Dave Chervinsky, Jerry Dubiel, Diane Dubiel, Tom Rusert, and Lion President Shelia Ferrentino.



Lion Dick Crawford presents a check to Lion President Shelia Ferrentino for Sight First II, also Gary Roesch presents a check to the Rotary President, Dr. Sheehan, for their Scholarship fund. Because they are running unopposed for Town Council Gary and Lion Dick decided to donate \$500 each to their respective charities.

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Campaign SightFirst II has raised over \$114 million of its goal of \$150 million to date. What will this do? \$100 million is earmarked to contain and eliminate where possible the leading causes of avoidable blindness. Secondly, \$50 million will be used to combat emerging threats to sight, such as diabetes that is becoming more prevalent worldwide. Lastly, \$50 million has been established as a "challenge goal" to provide "Vision for All" through research, rehabilitation and reaching-out to vulnerable populations worldwide.

All clubs have been asked to initiate an additional fundraiser to ensure the success of CSF II by July 2008. With our club's involvement in the Walk For Sight and through the generous contributions of some of our members, we have been successful in exceeding our club's original budgeted amount of \$500.00 for CSF II without removing one penny from the club's treasury! This is an astounding achievement, one we can all be proud of.

But, our Lions emblem also shows a Lion's head looking forward. We look forward to all Lions participating in CSF II. If you haven't contributed yet, please consider donating or pledging \$150.00 between now and June 2008. It's up to you how you obtain it. Ask your friends and relatives; donate a portion of your profits from a sale of an item through eBay or garage sale hosted by you. If you own a business, consider being a sponsor for our next Walk For Sight on April 19, 2008. Set up a box of candy for sale at work. There are numerous ways of achieving the personal goal of \$150.00 without straining your personal finances. Remember, all donations are tax deductible.

Keep in mind that 37 million more people will lose their sight by 2020 if we do nothing. But we all can do something! Contact me for any information you need to donate. Please help the best you can, be creative, participate in fundraising, you'll be so glad you did!

Sincerely yours in service,  
Lion Tom Witkowski Sight Chair



**DISTRICT 20-N  
FALL CONFERENCE /  
CABINET MEETING  
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2007**

Olmsted Center for the Visually Impaired  
1170 Main Street  
Buffalo, New York

*9:00 AM Registration  
10:00 AM Meeting Begins  
12:15 PM – 1:15 PM LUNCH  
(Cost \$14.00 per person)  
1:30 PM Guest Speaker – ID Wayne E. Davis*

*District 20-N Peace Poster Contest AND  
District 20-N Related Agencies will be on display*

**RSVP by November 2, 2007 to**  
Lion Jennifer L. Butkowski  
(716) 583-9253 or [jbutkowski11@gmail.com](mailto:jbutkowski11@gmail.com)



## Lions:

Our Club is involved with UNYTS to bring a Blood Drive to Grand Island. The program would help alleviate blood shortages and lower the cost of blood and blood products that hospitals have to pay. All blood would be used locally. When the time comes, please support our Lions and this cause in making this a tremendous success for our community.



Send your jokes to Lion Dave: [dschervin@yahoo.com](mailto:dschervin@yahoo.com)

Thanks to Lions Diane Dubiel, Shelia Ferrentino, Dave Chervinsky, Tom Witkowski and Dick Crawford all of whom contributed to this newsletter. The deadline for the December Newsletter is Friday November 30th. If you have material for the newsletter, you can e-mail it to Dave Chervinsky, the editor/publisher, at [dschervin@yahoo.com](mailto:dschervin@yahoo.com)

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