



# The Grand Island Lion

## November 2008

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### Events for September:

**General Meeting November 12th**  
**Holiday Inn**

Cocktails 6:30 Dinner 7:00PM

Program: TBA

**Board Meeting to follow**



**November 26th**

No Meeting Scheduled

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**CLUB IS NOW**
  
**\$79 AND GROWING**

### Upcoming events:

**November 8th 20N Cabinet Meeting–  
 Peace Poster Judging**

**Christmas Party December 12th**

**January 20th Hands Across the Border**

**Merrittons 70th anniversary  
 February 21st**

**March 28th 20N Cabinet Meeting**

**Spaghetti Dinner March 30th**

### A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT . . .

Our newly revised Lions' logo depicts a lion looking backward, and one looking forward. As we welcome November and look forward to Thanksgiving, let's look backward for a few moments at October's accomplishments.

We were treated to an interesting presentation at our October 8th meeting. Guest speakers Patrick Gallagher and Dan Genco, entrepreneurial owners of the Olmsted Shredding and Recycling Company, explained their company's efforts to "go green", preserve our environment and provide employment for special needs adults at the Olmsted Center. A special thank you for their enlightening presentation goes out to Pat and Dan.

On October 18th five Lions joined others from Multiple District 20N at the UNYTS Building, in a fundraising effort for the Lions Blind and Charity Fund. Thank you to Lions Henry and Annette Lobl, Paul Bassette, Norm Hahn and Diane Dubiel for stuffing envelopes with letters and Lions Christmas seals. A few hours of their time will result in community donations, part of which are shared with our club. Don't forget to return your donation, when you receive your Lions seals in the mail this month. It's a small price to pay for a collective fundraising effort.

On October 22nd, Past International Director Lion John Rabideau and Lion Ray Jackling, both of the Churchville, NY Lions Club, shared our evening as guests. PID John presented a special award, on behalf of International President Al Brandel, to Lion Paul Bassette. The award recognizes not only Paul's many years of service in Lionism, but also his integrity, sincerity and commitment to helping others. Lion Paul's wife, Judy, was present to share in this special moment. As Lion John said, "I guess Lion Paul doesn't know how to say 'no'." Congratulations, Lion Paul! You truly are an "every day hero"!

On October 30th our Peace Poster Committee, chaired by Lions Paul Bassette and Marlene Kaniecki, held its annual judging of Peace Posters. This year, 68 entries were received from Grand Island Middle School and St. Stephen's. District 20N judging of all first place winners will be held at the Cabinet Meeting on November 8th at the Olmsted Center. We'll look for a report from Lion Paul at our November 12th meeting. Thank you to all the members of the Peace Poster Committee.

October 31st brings out not only ghosts and goblins, trick and treaters, but also all the children who collected used eyeglasses and hearing aids for those in need. Lion Tom Witkowski and his crew will be on hand at Tops Play Center to collect them, and provide refreshments for our hungry and thirsty Halloween guests. We'll look for a report from Lion Tom at our November 12th meeting.

Looking ahead to November: Bon-Ton Community Day will be held Saturday, November 15th. It's not too late to contact Chairperson Lion Kathie Norris for your coupon books. It's an easy fundraiser for our club, and we get additional funds from Bon-Ton based on total sales. So, get set to "shop till you drop", and get an early start on that Christmas gift list!

Thanksgiving Day on November 27th provides us all with an opportunity to share a special meal with our loved ones. It also gives us time to reflect on all that we have, and be grateful for it. Enjoy this special day!

NOTE: There will be only one regular meeting this month, on November 12th, at the Grand Island Holiday Inn. It will be followed by a regular Board Meeting.

A closing thought: to paraphrase a familiar saying, "To those to whom much has been given, much is asked in return." As Lions, we embody the spirit of giving back to others; hence, our motto is "We serve".

Have a lovely and blessed Thanksgiving Day!  
 Lion President Diane Dubiel



Thanks to Lions Anne Fahning, Annette Boies-Lobl, Diane Dubiel, Tom Rusertall of whom contributed to this newsletter. The deadline for the December Newsletter is Friday November 28th. 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). Please visit our web site: [www.gilions.com](http://www.gilions.com).

At their October 8<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Grand Island Lions Club met at the Holiday Inn to hear a presentation about a recycling program that employs the visually impaired. Dan Genco announced that the Olmstead Center for the Visually Impaired has launched a partnership with Great Lakes Record Storage to provide these employment opportunities. Pat Gallagher from the storage company emphasized the value of the collaboration in both contributing to a greener community as well as providing safe and secure shredding of documents by these capable individuals in a unique work environment. For more information you can contact the Olmstead Center at 716 888-4678.

**Attention all Lions: Lions Club Vests**

The following is information about Lions Club vests. We'd like to place an order for anyone wanting to purchase one. We hope to get a minimum of 12 to avoid the service charge. Please notify Lion Anne Fahning (773-1900 or [afahning@realtyusa.com](mailto:afahning@realtyusa.com)) if you'd like a vest. We will bill you as soon as the order is placed.

(full vest with pockets)

A138 A70 (bolero style)

Sm, Med, Lg	\$34.95	\$22.50
XI, XXL	\$39.95	\$27.50
Custom Lg.	\$48.95	\$35.50

Service charge	1-5 vests	\$40 per order
	6-11 vests	\$20 per order
	12 or more	no service fee

The vests are gold. We can mix styles.

Design on vest:  
 "Grand Island Lions" \$3.75  
 First name \$4.00 each vest  
 Letters sown on



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As membership chairman I would like to challenge every member to sponsor a new member to our club this year. Again there will be a voluntary contest with the winner receiving the Golden Rule of Membership award plus any monies from the contest entrants. There is a slight rule modification from last years contest. If you are in the contest and sign up a new member you may elect to have your \$5.00 returned. If one chooses to withdraw their five bucks they will be out of the running for the contest prize. The entrant who brings in the most new, former or transferred members wins. Ties will split any money in the pot. Regardless of the contest please encourage membership in our club. Talk to your family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, etc. to see if they would take pride in saying "We Serve".

Lion Tom Rusert



Jim Henzler, the General Manager of the Buffalo Launch Club, was presented a plaque of appreciation by President Diane Dubiel of the Grand Island Lions Club. The Buffalo Launch Club has hosted the Special Kids Picnic for many years in July and because of their generosity, thousands of kids and young adults with special needs have been able to enjoy a great day of fun every year. The Grand Island Lions Club is grateful for the continued support and very special efforts of the BLC and it's members.



Paul Bassette of the Grand Island Lions Club was presented the Lions International Presidential Certificate of Commendation, by Past International Director John Rabidieux, of the Churchville Lions, for his 34 years of service and leadership to the Lions. His service to this community is unmatched as evidenced by his dedication to the Club, participating in every aspect to help countless individuals in need. The meaning of the Club motto, "We Serve" is personified in Paul.

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