



The Grand Island Lion

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The Split Club
is now \$248+ and
growing!



Bon Ton fund Raising

This year the date for fundraising is November 13. books can be obtained at the meetings. See Anne Fahning ...



WE SERVE

Upcoming events:

General Membership Meeting

Wednesday October 13th

Knights of Columbus Hall
1841 Whitehaven Road
Grand Island, NY 14072

Cocktails 6:00 Dinner 7:00
Cost \$17 U.S. Includes tax & gratuity

Menu: Steak, baked potato, salad,
vegetable, dessert, coffee & tea

Guests: Merritton Lions Club,
The Michael Kelly Family

Program: Brief business meeting,
recognition of Michael Kelly, for his
service to the Grand Island Lions
Club

RVSP Friday, October 8th



Pictured receiving a donation for Project New Hope are Lions Tim Crawford and George Kelly. This 2 year old program is aimed at assisting Vets and their families adjust, whether between deployments or as they integrate after they return from combat.

The 2 day event is held at Camp Badger, a Lions Club camp, several times a year and provides counseling , support and recreation for families. There is no cost to the families and it is an all volunteer organization. Founded by George Kelly, a disabled vet , the mission is to promote healing for members of all branches of the armed forces.

Also pictured are the Grand Island Lions president Dave Chervinsky and Secretary Annette Lobl.

General Membership Meeting

Wednesday October 27th

Buffalo Launch Club
Cocktails 6:30 Dinner 7:00

Speaker: Shelbi Milkas

Topic: Festival International Primavera
(see picture and article on page 4)

If there was a President's Message, it
would be right **here**.



REDISTRICTING PROPOSAL APPROVED

Your Board of Directors has unanimously approved the New York State and Bermuda Lions (the Multiple) Long Range Planning Committee's (LRPC) recommendation to consolidate districts across the state as a cost-cutting measure and to preserve nominating privileges of five districts whose Lions population is falling below the 1250 membership level needed to name a deserving individual to higher offices in the International.

Declining membership with a resultant loss of income, shrinking reserve funds, and reduced investment income, among several other issues, forced our Multiple's leaders to enact bold measures to reduce expenditures. Despite numerous measures to reduce costs at the state level, they were not sufficient enough. Therefore, the Multiple's LRPC is proposing consolidating districts. There will no longer be a District 20N. Niagara, Erie, Cattaraugus and Chautauqua counties would unite with Orleans, Genesee, and Wyoming counties to form District 20A. The other new districts would follow alphabetically ending with District 20H.

The final vote will occur at the Multiple Convention in Rochester next year with four delegates representing our club. If passed, it will take effect for the 2011-2012 Lions year. If you would like further information regarding this proposal, please contact me at your earliest convenience.

In the words of our good friend Lion John Rabideau: "No doubt that this will be a difficult process. We must rise above the partisanship. We must continue to serve."

Sincerely yours in service,
Lion ZC Tom Witkowski
773-4437



The Grand Island Lions gathered on September 3rd to help Shelbi Milkas prepare for her trip to Trujillo Peru. Shelbi is a Grand Island High School Senior and has a number of awards for her Baton twirling including finishing 4th in the intermediate category on the national level. She was recently selected by a national selection committee to be one of 12 twirlers from the USA to participate in the 60th Festival International Premiveria in Trujillo from September 17th-26th.

The festival is sponsored by the Trujillo Lions Club and is the largest of its kind in the Western Hemisphere. It is a celebration of spring and the Trujillo Lions uses the proceeds from the Festival to fund local charities and Lion programs in Peru. During her Trip Shelbi will be performing in the Festival and acting as an ambassador for her community and the Grand Island Lions Club.

Grand Island Lions pictured with Shelbi from left to right are Second Vice President Tom Witkowski, Treasurer Dick Crawford, Corresponding Secretary Annette Boies-Lobl, and President Dave Chervinsky. Shelbi is shown receiving a check for \$100 to help cover her costs along with gifts of T-shirts, Pins, bookmarks and a letter of appreciation to be presented to the Trujillo Lions President. The Grand Island Lions are also donating eyeglasses and hearing aids for the Trujillo Lions Club to distribute.

SOUTH BUFFALO/LACKAWANNA LIONS CLUB

15th Annual

Spaghetti Dinner

"ALL YOU CAN EAT"

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2nd

4:00 to 8:00 pm

Father Baker Council

Knights of Columbus

2838 South Park Ave., Lackawanna

ADMISSION

ADULTS - \$8.00 • CHILD (under 12) - \$4.00 • (under 5) - FREE

(Includes salad, spaghetti w/meatballs, bread, dessert, juice/coffee)

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BASKETS & GAMES

Fun for the whole family!
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TO BENEFIT THE BLIND & HANDICAPPED



A teenage boy had just passed his driving test and inquired of his Father as to when they could discuss his use of the car.

His father said he'd make a deal: 'You bring your grades up from a C to A B average, study your Bible a little, and get your hair cut. Then we'll talk about the car.

The boy thought about that for a moment, decided he'd settle for the offer, and they agreed on it.

After about six weeks his father said, 'Son, you've brought your grades up and I've observed that you have been studying your Bible, but I'm disappointed you haven't had your hair cut.

The boy said, 'You know, Dad, I've been thinking about that, and I've noticed in my studies of the Bible that Samson had long hair, John the Baptist had long hair, Moses had long hair...and there's even strong evidence that Jesus had long hair.

His father replied, 'Did you also notice they all walked everywhere they went?'

Freedom Guide Dogs Newsletter

Hi everyone! Below is the link to the Fall 2010 newsletter from Freedom Guide Dogs. Hope you enjoy!

<http://freedomguidedogs.org/pdf/Fall2010.pdf>

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Thanks to Lions Dave Chervinsky, Diane Dubiel, Donna Lavalley and Annette Lobl for contributions to this newsletter. The deadline for the October Newsletter is Thursday, October 28th. If you have material for the newsletter, you can e-mail it to Lion Brooks Rimes, the editor/publisher, at brimes@rimesrv.net.

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