



# The Grand Island Lion

## October 2020

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### Upcoming Events:

### White Cane Drive Continues:

Members, please share our gofundme page on facebook on your page. Thank you Lion Anne F. Chairperson for the White Cane Drive



[https://charity.gofundme.com/o/en/campaign/white-cane-drive?utm\\_campaign=oc&utm\\_medium=facebook&utm\\_source=crowdrise&fbclid=IwAR3x7m8G9z8T3Y2aX1IT0HSGPS-3H3CYeh\\_8HAPLxHe7ll8g2S0C6Ahr400](https://charity.gofundme.com/o/en/campaign/white-cane-drive?utm_campaign=oc&utm_medium=facebook&utm_source=crowdrise&fbclid=IwAR3x7m8G9z8T3Y2aX1IT0HSGPS-3H3CYeh_8HAPLxHe7ll8g2S0C6Ahr400)



October 14th: Lions General and BOD meeting via Zoom.

Details to follow.

Hello Lions, it has certainly been an interesting start to the new Lions year. Our first two meetings being Zoom meetings. I want to thank all who have joined these two meetings. We are currently looking for places to start having our meetings – safe and with all social distancing protocols – live and in person. Lion Dick Crawford volunteered to contact our previous locations – The Radisson and the Launch Club as well as look at other locations like the Moose Lodge and Eldens at River Oaks. Hopefully our next meeting and future meetings during this new normal of social distancing, face masks, hand sanitizer and elbow bumps can be held in person.



Even with all of the restrictions due to Covid 19 a lot can still be done by our organization. It is at times like these, more than ever, that our Community needs organizations like us the most.

We have had to rethink how we “safely” funds to support our community outreach. Our first attempt has been the GoFundMe White Cane event.

One thing I truly miss is the visit from our sister club across the river, The Merritton Lions. All we can do at this point is wait for the border restrictions to be lifted so we can resume this long-standing friendship.

Come out to the next meeting so we can hear your ideas and continue to do great things for our community.

Lion President Paul K



### Family Justice Center Grand Opening (see attached photo)

Check your emails for the scheduled opening of the Family Justice Center's newest satellite here on Grand Island. Our club was the first to sponsor a room. With the help of a matching grant from the Brandel-Murphy Youth Foundation, we have been able to sponsor the children's play area complete with furniture and toys for the kids while their parent undergoes counseling. Attendance may be limited due to COVID.  
Lion Tom W.

**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**



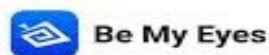
## Grand Island Lions Club Meals on Wheels Schedule May-Dec, 2020

May 01	Henry, Annette and Dave
May 15	Anne Fahning and Paul Bassette
June 05	Shelia Ferrentino and Tom Witkowski
June 19	Henry, Annette and Dave Chervinsky
July 03	Henry, Annette and Dave
July 17	Anne Fahning and Paul Bassette
August 07	Shelia Ferrentino and Tom Witkowski
August 21	Henry, Annette and Dave
September 04	Henry, Annette and Dave
September 18	Anne Fahning and Paul Bassette
October 03	Shelia ferrentino and Tom Witkowski
November 06	Henry, Annette and Dave
November 20	Anne Fahning and Paul Bassette
December 04	Henry, Annette and Dave
December 18	Henry, Annette and Tom Witkowski

## Mark the Date!

District Governor Rick Battaglia and Zone Chair Paul Smith are scheduled for our Christmas Party on Wednesday December 9. More details to follow.

Lion Tom W.



I have been a five plus year member of Be My Eyes, an app that connects people who are blind or who have vision problems with volunteers to give visual assistance through a live video call. There are over 4.2 million members helping nearly a quarter-million people in need of help. Today, I helped a woman figure out how to start her washing machine. Guiding her phone camera across the control panel and display, I was able to help her by having her shut the door and find the start button. We, the sighted, at times take things for granted. And it's us the sighted that mean the world to those who can't see or see well. Want to help? Download the Be My Eyes app and after some training, you'll be ready to answer the call for help.

Lion Tom W.

## Lions,

Non-perishable food items will be collected to benefit the Grand Island Neighbors Foundation when we resume meetings. 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.

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



Annette Boies-Lobl

Happy belated birthday Lion Ashley Digati. The September Newsletter mistakenly attributed her birthday to Lion Husband Tom.

Thanks to Lions Tom Rusert, Bob Goulding, Tom Witkowski, Donna Lavalley, Paul Krupa, and Anne Fahning for contributions to this newsletter. The deadline for the November Newsletter is Friday November 30th. If you have material for the newsletter, you can e-mail it to Lion Dave Chervinsky, the editor/publisher: [grandislandliondave@gmail.com](mailto:grandislandliondave@gmail.com).

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