



The Grand Island Lion

September 2021

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Upcoming Events:

September 8th 2021
G.I. Lions General Meeting
Elldens at River Oaks
Cocktails 6:30 Dinner 7PM

September 22nd 2021
Lions General and BOD Meetings
G.I. Recreation Ctr. Whitehaven Rd.
Program SUNY Buffalo: Health effects of Tonawanda Coke. Speaker TBA

Lions members picnic/
cruise

We had a wonderful evening in July aboard Long Gone. The food was bountiful and delicious and the company even better.



Thanks to Bob F and Anne and Jim R for supplementing with pizza.

It is so nice to be together in a setting that is just fun and relaxing. It was the final cruise on that vessel. We were fortunate to sell her quickly so now she really is Long Gone. ☺

Next year will look different but be just as enjoyable I'm sure. Hopefully it will be after our Special Kids Picnic once again.

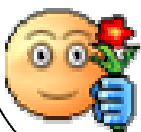
Lion Anne Fahning

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Ashley Digati

Sunshine:

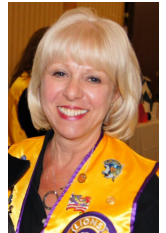


Please keep Diana Witkowski in your thoughts and prayers as she recovers from shoulder surgery.

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





Dear Lions,
 We did it!! The most successful drive yet. We brought in \$3,352 in donations. The citizens of Grand were amazing!
 My thanks to those who were able to help this year. Some of you were not available this year but hopefully will be next year.
 I will take a look at the most productive time slots and make some adjustments if necessary. The guys at Stony Point and Staley collected almost \$800 in 2 hours. We really need a team at Long and the Blvd. next year as well.
 You all made it possible for our Club to help a lot of people :)
 Lion Anne F

The Grand Island Lions were out in force on August 27-28th with their annual “White Cane Drive” The funds collected are earmarked for helping the vision impaired and blind. The Lions would like to thank everyone in the community who generously contributed. Also a big thank you to Tops Markets for allowing us to set up in front of the store. Seen above from the left clockwise are Lions Jim Ryan, Norm Hahn, Anne Fahning (White Cane Chairman) and Henry Lobl.

Thank you notes:

Dear Mr. Paul Bassette and The Lions Club,

Thank you very much for your \$500 Grand Island Lions Club Outstanding Character Scholarship. I am looking forward to attending Houghton College in the fall, and this scholarship will help me achieve my academic dreams. Thank you again for your generosity.

Sincerely,
Ashley Maras

Dear Lions Club,

I am writing today to thank you for your generous Lions Club scholarship. I am honored and grateful to be a recipient of your scholarship.

I plan to pursue an undergraduate degree in biochemistry and will attend Canisius in the fall. After graduation, I plan to continue my education by going to medical school. I am truly grateful for the Lions Club scholarship and it will be put toward my fall semester tuition. Sincerely,
Sarah Dodge

Dear Mr. Bassette and scholarship committee,

I have had a great education at the Grand Island Central School District and I am looking forward to starting college at the University of Louisville. I truly appreciate that very generous scholarship that you awarded me.

It is fantastic that people like you provide these opportunities and amazing scholarships to high school seniors.

Thank you,
Morgan Proctor

Thanks to Lions Tom Rusert, Bob Goulding, Tom Witkowski, Anne Fahning, Paul Krupa and Shelia Ferrentino for contributions to this newsletter. The deadline for the October Newsletter is Saturday September 25th. If you have material for the newsletter, you can e-mail it to Lion Dave Chervinsky, the editor/publisher:
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Lion Tom Rusert

Save the Date:

Western New York Riding Lions fundraiser for Mercy Flight of Western New York. "Bikers Unite for Mercy Flight - Dice Run and Car Cruise"

This activity will be held on

September 18, 2021 from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM EST.

**Location: Mercy Flight of WNY - 100 Amherst Villa Rd,
Buffalo, NY 14225, USA.**

Saturday, September 18, 2021 the Western New York Riding Lions will be hosting its very first fundraiser for Mercy Flight of Western New York. "Bikers Unite for Mercy Flight - Dice Run and Car Cruise" is a State Police escorted dice run beginning at the Mercy Flight-Buffalo headquarters, located at 100 Amherst Villa Road, Buffalo, NY 14225. Registration will begin at 9:00am. Kick stands up at approximately 11:45am. We will be escorted up to the Ft. Niagara State Park for a dice roll, then continue on to the Wheatfield American Legion on Ward Road. Final dice roll, 50/50 drawing, basket raffles, high/low prizes, food trucks and drinks will be onsite. \$20/driver, regardless of wheel count and \$10/passenger.