



The Grand Island Lion

September 2022

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Upcoming Events:
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Lions Meetings for 2022:
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 ★ Sept 14th Lions General Meeting
 ★ Chamber of Commerce Conference room
 ★ 2680 Grand Island Blvd.
 ★ 6:30 PM
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 ★ Sept 28th
 ★ Oct 12th
 ★ Oct 26th
 ★ Nov 9th (Dist Gov. visit)
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Dear Lions,
 What an incredible summer we had filled with an abundance of sunshine.
 As I write this, we are getting some much-needed rain unfortunately signaling the end of summer on Labor Day.



The board of directors has met over the summer and reviewed our goals and decided to send out a survey. I must admit the response was very weak. In the coming weeks this will be mailed out to the membership. Please take the time to fill out. Your input is very important to the success of our club.

Thank you to Lion Anne Fahning and her husband Bob for coordinating the White cane sale on the corners and TOPS Markets. Through the efforts of many Lions we were able to collect \$3,550.00. Job well done!

Our first meeting will be held on September 14th at 6:30pm at the Chamber of Commerce conference room, 2680 Grand Island Boulevard, (North of the Fun Center). The calendar for the year 2022/2023 will be put together at this meeting. We will discuss committee assignments for our Spaghetti dinner, Peace Poster contest, scholarships, white cane, Christmas party, bowling meeting and the "Kids Picnic.

"Not above you, Not beneath you, But with you"

Lion President Dick



Grand Island Lions host 64th Special Kids Picnic

After three years of cancellations due to weather and Covid, the Grand Island Lions forged ahead with holding their popular Special Kids Picnic on Wednesday, July 2, 2022. Held at the Buffalo Launch Club on Grand Island, 530 excited kids and their counselors and guides enjoyed a bright, sunny day packed with boat rides, clowns, face painting and a fire truck for them to explore. And what is a picnic without food and refreshments and plentiful bags of yummy popcorn! We're already looking ahead to next year, planning to invite more kids to join in the fun. Our thanks to Tops Markets for supplying the soda for the picnic and to all our volunteers donating their boats, their expertise and their time, for making a difference in the lives of our guests.





I'd like to thank everyone who participated in the white cane drive this year. It was a terrific success once again. We will finish at just around \$3500 again. I will have the final figure on Monday. It was a wonderful way to be spot lighted on Grand Island. We have such a wonderful community to support us in this way.

Lion Anne Fahning



Please return your empties to Bottle and Can Retrieval Center 2447 Grand Island Blvd, Grand Island, **Grand Island Can and Bottle Retrieval Center is now tracking our donations when items are left for them to credit our account.**



Donations for the Neighbors Foundation were way down for May and June and nothing at the installation dinner. The Foundation's needs are year round so I would encourage our members to drop off any Tops gift cards, food items and checks/cash to me and I will deliver to them.

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



Ashley Digati

Thanks to Lions Tom Rusert, Donna Lavalley, Anne Fahning, Tom Witkowski, and Dick Crawford for contributions to this newsletter. The deadline for the October Newsletter is Wednesday September 28th. If you have material for the newsletter, you can e-mail it to Lion Dave Chervinsky, the editor/publisher at:

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The Grand Island Lions Club continues to serve the community by offering durable medical equipment, free of charge, to those in need. Items include wheelchairs, walkers, crutches, canes, and shower chairs. Shown here, Lion President Dick Crawford (left) and Lion Tom Rusert prepare to deliver a hospital bed and wheelchair to someone in need.

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Dear Donna + Fellow Lions,
 Thank you so much for hiring Corabelle and I to entertain the Children yesterday - and for allowing Donuts to tag along!! Despite the heat, it was a fun day and a learning experience for me as I've never had the opportunity to be among so many special needs Children. Would I do it again? Definitely in a heart beat! It is for the love of children (even adult →

ones!) that give purpose and enjoyment for what we do!

We all hope you'll keep us in mind for future activities. Thanks again! Sincerely,

Carol "Dilly Dally" Shire



Made Especially
 For You
 By Carol

June 20, 2022

Dear Grand Island Lions Club Members,

After almost two weeks it is still nearly impossible to believe that I am a Melvin Jones Fellow! To be awarded this prestigious honor was a complete surprise. While I was vaguely familiar with the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award, I had no idea that only the previous awardees chose the recipients and that community members were eligible to receive it. Thank you Lion Paul Bassette for the detailed description to begin the presentation.

I remain overwhelmed at the effort put forth by the planning committee and my dear Jeff to keep the secret and get me to the

dinner. Tom & Peg were perfect partners! I appreciate Lion Tom Witkowski's patience and flexibility (about which I learned after the fact) in getting all the details just right for making the perfect presentation.

Thank you all for the good work you do in our community and across the world. I am humbled, honored and proud to be a Melvin Jones Fellow.

Thank you so much!

Gratefully,
 Mary