



The Grand Island Lion

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THE SPLIT CLUB IS NOW \$130 AND GROWING!



The split club will resume in September. All you need is a dollar and come to our general meeting for a chance to win!

Upcoming events:

Merrittons Labour Day Parade
September 7th

General Membership Meeting
Wednesday September 9th
G.I. Holiday Inn
Agenda: Organizational
Cocktails 6:30 Dinner 7PM.

General Membership Meeting
Wednesday September 23rd
Buffalo Launch Club
Speaker/Topic Nancy Luckman-Diabetes
Cocktails 6:30 Dinner 7PM.

BOD Meeting follows

ACM Meeting
Tuesday October 6th 7PM
Fanny's Restaurant

Joint Meeting with Merritton's Lions
Wednesday October 14th
Knights of Columbus Hall
Cocktails 6:30-Dinner 7PM

General Membership Meeting
Wednesday October 28th.
Buffalo Launch Club
Speaker/Topic Tom Witkowski
Community Needs Assessment.

Attention Lions:

A group photo of the complete Board of Directors will be taken at the September 9th Meeting. The photo will be submitted for the Chamber of Commerce phone book.



The Grand Island Lions Club inducted its officers and directors at a dinner held at the BLC on Wednesday June 10th 2009. Pictured from left to right are: Lion Tamer Fred Ruocco, 1st Vice Pres. Dave Chervinsky, Corresponding Secretary Annette Boies-Lobl, President Henry Lobl, 3rd Vice Pres. Tom Witkowski, 2nd Vice Pres Anne Fahning, Membership Chairman Paul Bassette, and Director Jerry Dubiel. Not show are: Directors Norm Hahn, Dick Planavsky, Al Ackerman, Treasurer Dick Crawford, Tail Twister Bill Wind, Recording Secretary Donna LaVallee, and Immediate Past President Diane Dubiel.

Lions Club Scholarship Winners

The Grand Island Lions Club 2009 Adrian Pollock – Bruce Kaiser Service Scholarship has been awarded to four Grand Island High School students. Each of the four will receive a \$500 scholarship to the college he/she will be attending. The four winners are Zachary Adams, Hannah Cliff, Charles LaVallee and Jordan Tripi. The scholarship primarily focuses on the student's community service and volunteer activities, but other important criteria are academic excellence, school activities, written formal recommendations and a 300 word essay on how community service strengthens our democratic society. The Grand Island Lions Club Scholarship Committee believes that these are the strongest four applicants who characterize the Lions motto "we serve". The Grand Island Lions Club wishes to extend congratulations to these four fine students.

Submitted by:
Paul C. Bassette

Our first ACM (Advisory Council Meeting) will be held October 6, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. at Fanny's Restaurant, 3500 Sheridan Drive, Amherst. All clubs in our Region 2 are invited to attend this meeting where we share club information, projects, fundraisers, and ideas ensuring our clubs' health and well being. Choices for dinner include meat, fish, or pasta.

The price is \$20.00. MY fellow wizard, Zone 2 Chair Sheila Jones, is researching other venues for future ACMs that will result in minimizing member costs. We have planned to report to our Region 2 clubs the results of our research.

Lion Nancy Luckman, District Diabetes Chair, will be our featured speaker at the September 23rd meeting. Lion Nancy has had much experience with the subject. With an ever-increasing number of adults and children diagnosed with the disease, we are fortunate to have a Lion who will give first-hand experience with the disease and give us insight on prevention and treatments.

Our annual Sight Night is approaching (yes Lions, next month is October) and it's time to promote this successful club project that has given improved vision to thousands of our fellow, but impoverished, citizens of this planet we all inhabit. If you know of anyone who runs a children's group, such as Scouts, Camp Fire, Boys and Girls Club, etc., please contact me so we may approach them and request their participation. It does not necessarily mean we are limited to groups on the island as we are all equal opportunity Lions. We will be contacting the schools for their help as well. If you would like to participate, please contact me at your earliest convenience.

We had a well-attended Leadership Forum on August 30, hosted by the West Seneca Lions with Lions Club President Henry, Annette, Anne, Paul, Dave C. and Tom W. in attendance all eager to learn more about our positions and ways of improving our clubs. Details will be reported at future club meetings.

Lion Tom Witkowski

K OF C 50TH ANNIVERSARY

The Grand Island Knights of Columbus, Mary Star of the Sea Council, will celebrate their 50th Anniversary the weekend of October 2nd - 4th, 2009. The Grand Island Lions Club has been invited to attend the festivities that weekend.

On Friday evening, October 2nd, there will be 1959 Bar Specials from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. Hors d'oeuvres will be available, and the bar will remain open afterward.

On Sunday, October 4th, an Open House is scheduled at 1:00 PM. Historical information, pictures and more will be displayed. The Knights of Columbus look forward to sharing their history with us.

For many years, members of the Council and their families have supported our fundraising efforts, attending the Spaghetti Dinners, helping at the Special Children's Picnics, and contributing to our White Cane Sales. Some of our members have attended events at the Knights and always had a good time! Their hall also has been available for us to host our dinner meetings with the Merritton Lions.

Try to set aside some time that weekend to share in this special celebration. The memories, friendship and fun will be worthwhile!

Lion Diane Dubiel

President Henry Lobl would like to recognize the following people for these awards from Lions International.

Tom Butler was sent a 25 year Chevron pin for 25 year's of membership as a Lion on 10/01/07. Congratulations and Best Wishes Tom as you begin your 27th year of membership.

A Crystal Pin was awarded on September, 2008 to Immediate Past President Shelia Ferrentino for achieving positive net growth in Club membership




Grand island Lions President Henry Lobl (right) and Lions Treasurer Dick Crawford Left accept checks totaling \$290 from Knights of Columbus Grand Knight Ted Korkuc (2nd from right) and Catholic Club President Bill Gworek (2nd from left). The donations represent donations from the Knights recent LasVegas night and Chicken Barbecue.



WE SERVE

1. The one who has achieved success is the one who has worked well, laughed often and loved much.
 2. Remember to forget the things that made you sad, but don't forget the things that made you glad.
 3. The time to be happy is now.
 4. Summer is the time of the year when you try to keep the house as cold as it was in the winter, when you complained about it.
 5. Kindness is a language that the deaf can hear and the blind can see.
 6. Life is like a coin...you can spend it any way you wish, but you can spend it only once.
 7. Love always finds a home in the heart of a friend.
 8. Old age is always 10 years older than you are.
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Lion Secretary Annette Boies-Lobl has two extra large Lions vests for sale \$20 each on a first come basis.
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 **HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THESE LIONS:**

Ross Kaiser Sept. 22nd
 Brooks Rimes Sept. 26th

Lions Tom Witkowski and Dave Chervinsky made their annual trip to the junk yard and raised \$516.81 for the Lions. Our clubs share based on scrap from the loan closet and our member donations was \$70.32 while the district's share of \$446.49 will be donated to Angel Flight.

Thanks to Lions Henry Lobl, Annette Boies-Lobl, Paul Bassette, AnneFahning, Tom Witkowski, Diane Dubiel, Donna Lavallee and Al Ackerman all of whom contributed to this newsletter. The deadline for the October Newsletter is Wednesday September 30th. If you have material for the newsletter, you can e-mail it to Dave Chervinsky, the editor/publisher, at dschervin@yahoo.com. Please visit our web site: www.qilions.com.



Tessa, one of many children at our "special Kids Picnic" enjoys a horseback ride on Blaze.