



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 Sept 8th
Grand Island Holiday Inn
Cocktails 6:30 Dinner 7:00

Speaker: Lion George Kelly will speak of Project New Hope a retreat at camp badger for military families.

General Membership Meeting
Wednesday Sept 22nd
Grand Island Holiday Inn
Cocktails 6:30 Dinner 7:00

Speaker: Lion Joe DiMarco from the Orchard Park Club will speak of "Wings" which is replacing Angel Flight in our area.

Board of Directors Meeting to follow



Brian Mongello of the Knights of Columbus presents a check for \$200 to our Club to be used for the Special Kids Picnic. The money was raised from the Las Vegas Night fund raiser held at the Knights on August 21st.

President's Message

Hello Lions,

I hope everyone has had a great summer. It has been busy for myself at work, at home, and with the Lions. I am very pleased with the direction our club is going and happy with everyone digging in and helping out.

Our Kids Picnic was a tremendous success with Lion Annette doing a great job of organizing and bringing in almost 1000 kids in spite of the problems with the Buffalo Schools.

We also just completed a very successful White Cane drive with great participation and in spite of the recent construction. Thank you Lion Dick P.

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In between, Lion Annette set up Lions Friday for delivering Meals on Wheels. Lions Annette, Dick C, Tom W. and myself cleaned out the Loan Closet. And, Lion Tom and myself had two junk runs for cash. All the while, we have been organizing and planning for the coming year.

It sounds good but as Bills Coach Chan Galley recently said, “we don’t want to injure our elbow by patting ourselves on the back.”

Enough said about that. September is upon us and I look forward to seeing and working with everyone at the upcoming meetings. Lets all try to make the first meeting so we can discuss the upcoming year and keep abreast of our Lions events.

A final note: PLEASE pay you dues if you have not done so already. It is important because the club needs to pay dues for every member to LCI and 20N. Thank you.

The Grand Island Lions Club held their 52nd annual "Special Kids Picnic" on Wednesday July 21st at the Buffalo Launch Club. The attendees included about one thousand kids with special needs along with their chaperones from Erie and Niagara county while over 100 volunteers worked hard to treat the kids to a day of boat rides, pony rides, Shriners mini-truck rides, face painting and other entertainment. Hot dogs and hamburgers were served for lunch.



Event Chair Lion Annette Boies-Lobl and Lion Larry Furnia overseeing the picnic



Sabre-Tooth in a boat with the Kids



Getting ready for a Pony Ride



Lots of people having a good time



Pony ride in progress



Shriners giving rides

Club Dues and Rough Seas

Timely payment of dues allows the Club to stay afloat! The Club receives an invoice from Lions International dated June 30, which uses the May membership roster. In July the Club receives an invoice from the State level. Both of these organizations expect payment in 30 days. **These invoices amount to \$2,410.** As of August 31 the Club still has members with outstanding dues.

E-mail notices have gone out on June 03, August 13 and August 28. In addition Board members contacted members by phone in early August to ascertain the members desire to continue.

If your interests have changed please let the membership Chairman, Paul Bassette at 773-1367 know that you will not be continuing as a member. For the members who have not paid you will be receiving a letter that your name will be dropped from the roster.

You can renew your membership within 6 months with no break in membership status or payment of fees, other than annual dues. After 6 months you need to start from scratch.

If any member with outstanding dues feels that there is an error, please contact Dick Crawford, the Treasurer at 773-4121.

Lion Annette Lobl

THE FOUR STAGES OF LIFE:



- 1) You believe in Santa Claus.
- 2) You don't believe in Santa Claus.
- 3) You are Santa Claus..
- 4) You look like Santa Claus.

Thanks to Lions Dave Chervinsky, Diane Dubiel, Donna Lavalley and Annette Lobl for contributions to this newsletter. The deadline for the October Newsletter is Tuesday, September 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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