



The Grand Island Lion

September 2012

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The split club is now
\$31 and counting...



Lions,

We are still under contract at the Holiday Inn thru
December at \$15.00.

Lion Dick Crawford

Glass Donation -The Club has donated 378 eye
glasses this month. Lion Annette



WE SERVE

Upcoming events:

September:

Monday September 3rd
Merritton's Labor Day Parade

Wednesday Sept. 12th:
General Membership Meeting
Grand Island Holiday Inn
Cocktails 6:30 Dinner 7PM
Program: Organizational

Wednesday September 26th
General Membership Meeting
Buffalo Launch Club
Program: Special Spaces Buffalo



Dear Grand Island Lions,

I trust your summer has been enjoyable and relaxing thus far. We have been busy serving our community and beyond with our Special Kids Picnic and fundraising with much thanks to Wendy's. The recent Cabinet Meeting was held at Miracle League Field with a lot of Lions amazed as to how our community united for a common cause. That's what makes our club so very special and we haven't even had our

first meeting yet!

Your Board of Directors have met twice already and have set up activities for all of us to be a part of and clarifications to our club's constitution which we will be voting on by the end of October. Our first meeting on September 12th will be setting up our committees for the year and discussing changes to our constitution. We need everyone's participation to help us to be successful. Even if you can't come to the meeting, you can participate in our club by grabbing onto one small nugget on a committee or two. Your input will be requested as we evolve toward excellence. Many hands make light work and you are never too put your excuse here to lend a helping hand or a suggestion. Activity keeps that grey matter from shriveling up and keeps you engaged to life and our world community who needs you. Together, let's work on any negatives we may harbor. Discussion is always good for the soul and most of you know, I'll talk about anything to build consensus.

Our new Lions year has begun and I am looking forward to bringing to fruition what I have been training clubs for in our district over the past three years: that learning what our communities need and by our own self-analysis, we can continue making a difference in the lives of people we took an oath to serve. Our second meeting on September 26, will be meeting representatives from Special Spaces Buffalo, a group of volunteers that transform the bedrooms of children with life challenging illnesses to whatever the kids' imaginations desire. For a preview, go to www.specialspacesbuffalo.org. One fortunate recipient has been asked to discuss how Special Spaces changed their lives. The public will be offered to attend the meeting after our dinner. So if you know of a family that might qualify or know of someone who is handy and would like to volunteer, this is the meeting they should be at. We're not asking them to become members, just to lend a helping hand.

Let's roll up our sleeves, Lions, and let's make things happen and make this island "rock"!

Yours in service, Lion Tom Witowski

Lions,

Our Club has volunteered ten members to help with the Historical Association of Lewiston War or 1812 Reenactment. We will be manning a Pig Roast Dinner from 4PM to 8PM on Saturday October 13th 2012. Please contact Chairman Lion IPP Anne Fahning if you would like more information or would like to volunteer for this event.

Lion Anne



Our Lions were out in force for the Fourth of July Parade. Members of our Club are seen here before the start.

Lions, Please note changes to perfect attendance as resolved at the 8/22/12 BOD meeting:

Perfect attendance- LP Tom has gone thru 3 perfect attendance manuals. Perfect Attendance will be for persons who have attended all meetings designated by the club. However, clubs can modify the credits as they see fit. Comments were that events (activity or fundraiser, i.e. spaghetti dinner, white cane sale, BonTon, Wendy's, SKP) should count for a missed meeting. The chairman of the event should hand a list of the people who participated. The list will be submitted to the Corresponding secretary. Lion Dick will draft a excel sheet to include the activities and attendance for fundraisers and meetings. Lion Dave will post this in the newsletter. Going to a board meeting may count for those members that are not on the board. Motion: Perfect Attendance can be made up from meetings and fundraisers or official Lions function. Lion Dick will formulate a spreadsheet to tabulate this. There are 17 meetings per Lion Calendar year.

Thanks to Lions Annette Boies-Lobl, Henry Lobl, Donna Lavallee, Tom Witkowski, Anne Fahning, Shelia Ferrentino and Dick Crawford for contributions to this newsletter. The deadline for the October Newsletter is Friday September 28th. If you have material for the newsletter, you can e-mail it to Lion Dave Chervinsky, the editor/publisher, at dschervin@yahoo.com.

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Another successful Special Kids Picnic!

Wendy's Community Night-August 28

We had 10 Lions participate in this project by handing out flyers or coming to eat or going thur the drive-thru. We raised \$130 from this 4 hour event. Thanks to all.- Annette Lobl

White Cane Days Report:

We had a very successful project. The proceeds were up from last year with our return to Tops. There was 18 Lions who participated over the two days. We are so fortunate to live in a Community which supports the Lions mission. and thanks to all the Lions who participated- Henry Lobl

Member Highlight- Shelia Ferrentino

Shelia jined our club in 2002. She dug into service with the Spaghetti dinner and volunteering for fundraising projects like the Bon-Ton. She moved in the Chairs to become President in 2007-2008 Shelia assumed the responsibility for the Corresponding Secretary for 2011-2012.. She has benn Chair of the Diabetes Screening Program Shelia has done a great job handling the publicity for the Special Kids Picnic for the past three years .Shelia exemplifies the Lion who serves