



# The Grand Island Lion

## September 2014

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### Upcoming events:

#### September:

#### Wednesday September 10th

Lions General Meeting  
Byblos Niagara Resort and Spa  
Cocktails 6:30PM Dinner 7PM

**Program:** General Organizational

#### Wednesday September 24th

Lions General Meeting  
Buffalo Launch Club  
Cocktails 6:30PM Dinner 7PM

**Program:** District Governor Mike Lawkowski Visit.

BOD Meeting to follow

Dear Fellow Lions,

I am looking forward to serving as your club president this coming year. We had a fantastic day for our Special Kids Picnic this year, with over 800 people attending. Thank you Lion Annette for coordinating another successful event. Our White Cane Days brought in a record total of \$2547.85! Thank you Lion Henry and Lion Norm and all Lions that participated!



Our first meeting is on September 10th at Byblos, drinks at 6:30 PM and dinner at 7 PM. I will strive to keep our meetings efficient, informative and fun. Our first meeting will be a general business meeting to kick off the new year. Our second meeting on September 24, DG Mike Lawkowski will be with us. We have asked for our DG meeting to be earlier in the season so that many of our members that travel in the winter can be present. Please make every effort to come out and meet DG Mike and see his vision for the upcoming year.

The 26th Annual Journey For Sight is just a little over weeks away on September 13, 2014. Lion Tom always predicts a nice sunny day so consider joining some of us at the Royalton Ravine in Gasport. The Journey is benefiting Braille Group of Buffalo, Equi\*Star Therapeutic Riding Center, Niagara Frontier Radio Reading Service, and the Vision Beyond Sight Foundation.

I am looking forward to serving the Grand Island Community, WNY region. and worldwide efforts along side of all of the great members of our club. If you have been away from our meetings, come on back, we would love to see you again!

### A thought on Lions Club mission..

.Henry and I joined the Lions club in Maine because it is a club geared for community service projects. We looked to provide our time and resources to an organization which has little overhead expense and makes a contribution directly in the community in which we live. We have been members of the Grand island Lions Club for over 10 years. There are members who we have never met at any function. The kids picnic for the last few years has had only 18 members participating. White Cane Days has only 13 members participating. We realize that some members have health issues, full time jobs etc. However, there is always a way a member can contribute. Some of our most senior members ( over 80) Earl De Glopper and Al Ackerman sit to collect for White Cane Days and regularly attend meetings. Dan Morabito does an outstanding job and also comes to meetings as well as cooking pasta and sauce for the spaghetti dinner. We all know that that tenure in any club or job can bring with it a state of malaise. Coming to a meeting and participating in one service project this year can help to renew everyone's spirits. Please come and join us. We would love to see you!

Lions Henry and Annette Lobl



**LIONS JOURNEY FOR SIGHT**  
*Celebrating 26 years of service!*  
**Saturday, September 13, 2014**  
**Victor A. Fitchlee Royalton Ravine, Gasport Road**  
(across from 4661 Gasport Road)  
**Gasport, New York**  
**Registration at 10 a.m. Journey at 11 a.m.**  
**Benefiting**  
**Braille Group of Buffalo**  
**Equi-Star Therapeutic Riding Center**  
**Niagara Frontier Radio Reading Service**  
**Vision Beyond Sight Foundation**  
**Registration:**  
**\$10 (18 and up) without tee-shirt. \$22.50 with tee-shirt.**  
**For 17 and under, a donation of any amount will be accepted.**  
**Free food and refreshments!**  
**Visit "Journey For Sight 2014" link at [www.20nlions.org](http://www.20nlions.org)**  
**For more info, call 716-773-4437 or 716-909-1862**  
**or email at [liontom20n@roadrunner.com](mailto:liontom20n@roadrunner.com)**  
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**Town of Niagara Lioness Club - Kenmore Lions Club (so far!)**  
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## The 2014 Journey For Sight - 26 years of service!

I promise: it will take you less than a minute to read!

The Lions Clubs of Niagara County are hosting the **26th Annual Lions Journey For Sight** on **Saturday, September 13**. It will be held at the Royalton Ravine on Gasport Road in Gasport. Registration begins at 10 am with the walk beginning at 11 am. Food and refreshments follow the walk. A \$10 donation is requested for all those 18 years and older. The Journey will raise funds for Braille Group of Buffalo, EquiStar Therapeutic Riding Center, Niagara Frontier Radio Reading Service, and Vision Beyond Sight Foundation. Since 1989, the Journey has raised over \$168,000 benefiting over 35 organizations dedicated to sight, hearing, and humanitarian assistance in the western New York area. All forms may be obtained at [www.lions20n.org](http://www.lions20n.org) or calling 909-1862. Oh, did I mention rain-free?



August 3rd was Lions Day at the Miracle League Field. Before the games were started Lions and Miracle League staff and players posed for photos. Below Rt. Lion President Donna Donna Marlin Lavallee presented a two thousand dollar check to Miracle League Commissioner Jeff Hocutt The funding was obtained through a grant submitted to the Brandel-Murphy Youth Foundation. Below Lt. Lion Tom Witkowski and Lion District Governor Mike Lawkowski hand out 2014 Journey for sight Tee shirts to Miracle League Players.





Our Lions Club members pose while preparing for the 2014 4th of July Parade. From left to right Lion President Donna Lavallee, Anne Fahning, Henry Lobl, Tim Lavallee, Shelia Ferrentino, Tom Witkowski and Dave Chervinsky. During the parade, Our Club collected used eyeglasses for recycling to the needy in third world countries. The Lions would like to thank our community for the glasses donated and for their support throughout the year.



### Olmsted Center for Sight "Eye Opener" Tours

Each year, The Olmsted Center for Sight enables 2,500 children and adults who are blind, visually impaired and disabled, through programs that promote Education, Independence and Opportunity, to reach their highest level of self-sufficiency.

We invite you to attend one of our new bi-monthly *Eye Opener Tours* to learn more about the wide-ranging ways the agency helps our clients achieve their highest levels of independence.

Dates:	Tue., August 5th at 8—9am	Tue., October 7th at 8—9am
	Wed., August 20th at 4—5pm	Wed., October 15th at 4—5pm
	Tue., September 9th at 8—9am	Wed., November 5th at 8—9 am
	Wed., September 17th at 4—5pm	

Address: Olmsted Center for Sight  
1170 Main Street | Buffalo, NY 14209

Please RSVP to: Maura Duggan  
(716) 888-4564 or mduggan@olmstedcenter.org

Lions, Olmsted Center for Sight is hosting their bi-monthly *Eye Opener Tours* to spread community awareness about the many ways they help their clients reach their highest level of independence. For more information, or for a program speaker call Kelsey Wright at (716) 888-4636. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual *Dining in the Dark* event is less than two months away! This year's gala will be held on September 18, from 5:30 – 9:00 pm at the Hyatt Regency. Contact Renee DiFlavio at (716) 888-4627 or rdiflavio@olmstedcenter.org for more details! Tickets for the *Dining in the Dark* event are \$100 each. Some clubs are buying 2 and raffling them off to recoup the cost. Some clubs use this as a club fund raiser and some clubs donate all proceeds to the Olmsted Center for Sight. Their clients benefit either way. IPDG Dan Dunn



**Special Kids Picnic- # 56**

Lions from Merritton, Arnold Harnett, Bill White, Jeff White, Wayne Kinnear, Glenn Connell, Ted Collins and Gasport Lions Nancy and Jim Luckman as well as 18 Lions from our Club totaling 106 volunteers helped to make this day for over 800 kids and staff a success. The Buffalo Launch Club has hosted this picnic since 1961 when 60 kids were entertained by the Club. Thanks to all our members who participated..



White Cane Days total \$2527.  
 Lion Henry Lobl and Co-chair Norm Hahn, along with Lions Anne Fahning, Donna Lavallee, Dave Chervinsky, Mike Steinagel, Earl DeGlopper, Tom Butler, Annette Lobl, Al Ackerman, Paul Bassette, and Fred Ruocco (Mr. Lion) collected money from a very supportive Grand Island community. Tops and 1st Niagara graciously allowed the club to collect in front of their entrances.

**Bon Ton Fund Raiser**

November 14 and 15, 2014.

We are looking for 100% member participation to purchase 2 books per member. It is only \$10. for 2 books. The coupons, especially for name brands, is very useful. Books will be sold at all meetings.

**Membership Cards.**

I apologize for not getting these out to you. I will have them ready for the September 10 meeting.  
Lion Annette Lobl



## 3rd Annual Golf Tournament

Beaver Island State Park, Grand Island, Monday September 22nd

11am Registration

12pm Start

Down Syndrome Parent Group has supported hundreds of families in and around the Western New York area while promoting awareness of Down Syndrome, and acceptance of individuals born with Downs. Through a series of annual events which have become a yearly tradition for many families. Please consider donating to this wonderful group. One of my children has Downs and we always look forward to these events they bring smiles to so many. Kevin Slachciak, Owner of Say Cheese Pizza Co.

**Please consider a donation**

Sponsorship, Prize or Playing Golf are all appreciated

- Par 3 Contest Sponsor - \$250
- Hole Sign Sponsor - \$100
- Raffle Prize Donation
- Golf Foursome - \$260
- Golf Individual - \$65

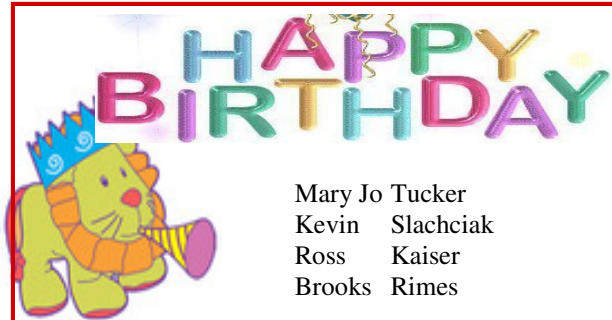


Please make checks payable to:

Down Syndrome Parent Group of WNY Inc. (DSPG of WNY Inc.)

Mail to:

DSPG care of Say Cheese Pizza Co.  
1771 Love Road, Grand Island, NY 14072  
Email: kevslach@roadrunner.com or Call: 698-9870



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Thanks to Lions Tom Witkowski, Donna Lavalley, Kevin Slachciak and Annette Boies-Lobl for contributions to this newsletter. The deadline for the October Newsletter is Saturday September 27th. If you have material for the newsletter, you can e-mail it to Lion Dave Chervinsky, the editor/publisher, at:

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Why science teachers  
should not be given  
playground duty.