



# The Grand Island Lion

## September 2019

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### Upcoming Events:

#### Grand Island Lions Club Meeting Dates and Places for 2019-2020

Cost to Club will be \$26. All reservations must be made by the Monday before the meeting. If you reserve and do not attend you will be charged as the Club is charged for all reservations, You will receive an e-mail from Lion Danielle Rose.

- SEPTEMBER 11, 2019 RADISSON HOTEL
- SEPTEMBER 25, 2019 BUFFALO LAUNCH CLUB (BLC)  
Program: Ms. Maggie Nichols Jericho Road Health Ctr.
- OCTOBER 09, 2019 RADISSON HOTEL  
Program: Olcott Lion Aaron Dey Marketing the Lions
- OCTOBER 23, 2019 MOOSE LODGE WITH MERRITTON CLUB
- NOVEMBER 13, 2019 BLC  
Program: Lion Mike Hoplight Veterans initiatives.
- DECEMBER 11, 2019 BLC Christmass Party
- JANUARY 22, 2020 ELDERWOOD HEALTH CARE
- FEBRUARY 26, 2020 MALLIWITZ BOWLING
- MARCH 11, 2020 WESTERN NEW YORK WELCOME CENTER (PURCHASE OF FOOD MUST BE DONE BY 6:30 PM)
- APRIL 08, 2020 RADISSON HOTEL
- APRIL 22, 2020 MERRITTON LIONS CLUB (6PM- Dinner at 6:30)
- MAY 13, 2020 RADISSON HOTEL
- MAY 27, 2020 BLC
- JUNE 10, 2020 BLC INSTALLATION DINNER



**WE SERVE**



Dear Lions,  
 Hard to believe that the summer is winding down.  
 You may be wondering why I am writing the message from the President.  
 Well it turned out that Lion Paul Krupa got scheduled for major back surgery in August. He will need many weeks to completely recover and we thought that it would be better that I serve this year . Paul will be 1st VP this year and President next year. Best wishes Lion Paul for a speedy recovery!  
 I am so looking forward to our new year and the good work we are planning.  
 I'm especially happy to be able to work with you newer members to help make your Lions experience satisfying and fulfilling. A good start for you will be to think about serving on a committee. The time obligation is minor and there are a variety of opportunities.  
 Notice the x's on the committee list. Those are spots we need to fill. you might rather shadow a chairperson on another committee to see what it is all about.  
 Just looking for more information? Feel free to contact me anytime.  
 The more meetings that you can attend, the more connected you will feel. We look forward to getting to know all of you better.  
 We have a Directorship to fill so if anyone is interested or would like to nominate someone, please contact Lion Tom Rusert asap.704-9644.  
 Many thanks to everyone who volunteered for the White Cane Drive. You raised \$2,356.13 !!  
 So much good will be done with that money.  
 Thank you Dave, Dick ,Shelia, Tom Digati, Henry, Annette, Tom R., Tom and Peggy Butler, Tom W., Bob, Sarah, Kelly, Norm, Paul B and Bev. You did an amazing job.  
 See you in September!  
 Lion President Anne

### Show the Public You are a Lion:

Last year with the help of Lion Tom Rusert and Dick Crawford, we came up with a project to advertise Lionism and possibly attract new members. Lion Bob Goulding has supplied (at no cost to the club) a suitable Lion Emblem with a magnetic attachment to be worn and displayed by a member on their garment, cap or purse for the public to see. If information is desired, the member can offer an information business card (also supplied). This project is current and continuing, especially during Spring, Summer, and Fall when lighter clothing is worn. Call Lion Bob if you haven't received an emblem 775-0254. Pictures are shown. Carpe diem!

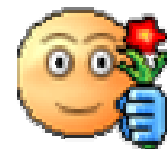


Lions,  
For the upcoming Lion's season we will again be accepting non-perishable food items at every meeting to benefit the Grand Island Neighbors Foundation. Also used cell phones are needed by the Sheriff's Department Domestic Violence unit. Phones are reprogrammed for emergency use by victims under their watch.  
Please return your empties to Bottle and Can Retrieval Center 2447 Grand Island Blvd, Grand Island, NY. Just mention that you would like the deposit money to be credited to the Grand Island Lions Club.  
Lion Tom Rusert

### Sunshine:

We are happy to hear that Lion Paul Krupa is recovering at home after back surgery.

Congratulations go out to Lions John and Ashley Digati on the birth of their son Marco. He was born on August 17. White Cane Day. We may have a future Lion in the making!





Little snapshots, lots of fun! Thank you Bob and Lion Anne Fahning for hosting another great members summer picnic!



**INCREASE SERVICE IMPACT**

Our foundation will expand our commitment to our communities, making an even greater global impact, with a focus on vision, youth, disaster relief and humanitarian causes.

**Vision:** We will lead the charge to rid the world of infectious blindness, reduce avoidable blindness and visual impairment, and improve overall quality of life by providing services to the blind or visually impaired.

**Youth:** We will serve youth through improved access to quality education, vital health services, inclusive social and recreational opportunities, and positive development programs.

**Disaster Relief:** We will deeply engage in disaster relief efforts and in preparing for, and responding to, natural disasters whenever and wherever they strike.

**Humanitarian Causes:** We will sponsor and deliver programs addressing the distinct needs of at-risk and vulnerable populations such as the elderly, the disabled, females, orphans and others disproportionately impacted by social and economic factors and requiring special services.



**FIGHT DIABETES**

Our foundation will reduce the prevalence of diabetes and improve the quality of life for those diagnosed.

**Diabetes:** We will play a major role in responding to the diabetes global epidemic. We will help prevent diabetes through multi-faceted, comprehensive health initiatives targeted at the communities in which we live and serve.



**EXPAND OUR GLOBAL CAUSES**

Our foundation will identify areas of greatest need and opportunity within the broad causes of hunger, childhood cancer and the environment; conduct pilot projects to develop expertise; and develop sustainable, long-term local and global programs.

**Hunger:** We will work toward a world in which no one goes hungry, expanding resources and infrastructure needed to address food shortages in our communities and around the world.

**Childhood Cancer:** We will strengthen medical and social services, increasing global life expectancy of children living with cancer, and enhancing the quality of life for them and their families.

**Environment:** We will protect the environmental health of our global communities, generating long-term, positive ecological impact.



**Campaign 100:  
Lions Clubs International Foundation  
Empowering Service**



**A WORLD IN NEED**



**LIONS RESPOND**

We see the effects of devastation every day. Many say the world's needs are too great. Many say there's nothing we can do. Lions say, "We Serve." We are Lions, 1.4+ million men and women strong. We are Leos, Alpha and Omega. We are Lions Clubs International Foundation, the only foundation to empower the service of Lions on a global scale. Together, we offer hope and impact lives.

We will continue our shared commitment through **Campaign 100: LCIF Empowering Service**. Our foundation's **US\$300 million** comprehensive capital campaign launches in July 2018. From there, it will span three years, but its impact will last generations. Campaign 100 will enable us to serve more than 200 million people a year by 2021 and ensure Lions have resources needed to expand our global causes and impact.

**Campaign 100 Pledge Form**



Visit [lcif.org/donate](http://lcif.org/donate) to donate online and to learn about other ways to give. For more information call +1.630.203.3836 or email [donorassistance@lionsclubs.org](mailto:donorassistance@lionsclubs.org).

**PLEDGE INFORMATION**

I pledge a total contribution of US\$ \_\_\_\_\_ to Lions Clubs International Foundation. My first payment, US\$ \_\_\_\_\_, will be made by \_\_\_\_\_ Month/Day

**PAYMENT OPTIONS**

**Payment Frequency** (choose one)  
 Monthly  Annually  All at Once  
 My preferred annual payment amounts are:  
 Year 1: US\$ \_\_\_\_\_ If applicable:  
 Year 2: US\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Year 4: US\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Year 3: US\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Year 5: US\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Payment Method** (choose one)  
 Credit Card\*  ACH\*\*  
 Check  Other\*\* \_\_\_\_\_  
 \* Credit card and ACH payments must be made online.  
 \*\* Please have Donor Services contact me to facilitate my donation.

Pledges equal to or greater than US\$25,000 are payable over five years; pledges of US\$1,000 or more are payable over three years, unless otherwise requested by the donor. If no payment frequency is selected, the Foundation assumes equal annual instalments based on pledge amount.

**DONOR INFORMATION**

For pledge recognition and recording purposes, please provide the following information.

Name (print clearly) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province \_\_\_\_\_  
 ZIP/Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

My donation is to remain anonymous.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Month/Day/Year \_\_\_\_\_  
 8036 MD20-N  
 Club ID District Member ID

Send donations to:  
 Lions Clubs International Foundation | Department 4547 | Carol Stream, IL 60122-4547 USA

**OUR CALL TO ACTION**

Over the past 100 years, we have proven that Lions united in service can transform millions of lives. As Lions, we serve proudly, empowered by our global foundation. Together, we will be able to serve more than 200 million people a year by 2021. Our goals are expansive and no individual Lion, club or district can take them on alone; but together, empowered by our global foundation, we can. Please support Campaign 100.



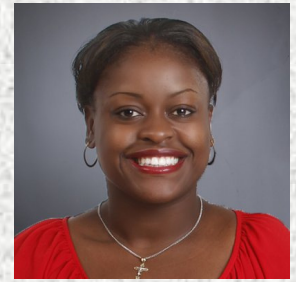
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Seen on this page is information on LCIF's Campaign 100. It is a three-year effort to raise \$300 million worldwide for our global causes to ensure that we can continue to say "Where there's a need, there's a Lion". All it takes is for each member to contribute just \$6.00 a month for the next three years. That being said, the form on this page can be used to ensure our club gets the credit for the contribution. All a member needs is the personal commitment and their Member ID which I can provide. We may never know all the people we help, but we can be happy with the fact that we have helped over 200 million people worldwide with our contributions.

Lion Tom Witkowski  
 716-909-1862

**Magdalena “Maggie” Nichols to speak at September 25th meeting**

Ms. Maggie Nichols, MHA, is the Chief Officer of Administration and Strategic Partnerships at Jericho Road Community Health Center. Under their auspices, the Vive Shelter provides temporary lodging for vetted immigrants. Vive is currently housing individuals that have escaped the war-torn African nations of Angola and Democratic Republic of Congo. Their story of their escapes and the arduous journey to get to Buffalo is a compelling one and has been featured in several Buffalo News articles. We will be collecting basmati rice, cooking oil, laundry detergent, and new or gently used pots and pans to fulfill their current and urgent needs. For more info on what to donate, go to <https://www.jrchc.org/vive/wishlist/>



Maggie Nichols



Mike Hoplight

**November 13: Town of Niagara Lion Mike Hoplight – Volunteer Extraordinaire – offers how we can help military veterans**

Lion Mike’s mission in life is to help veterans and current service members regain some semblance of normalcy after facing the difficult, and sometimes horrific, life safeguarding the freedoms of our country and the freedoms of others around the world. Lion Mike gave a heart wrenching talk at the latest district cabinet meeting which left no one unmoved by his passion to serve.

**Olcott Lion Aaron Dey offers tips on effectively marketing our club October 9th**

Lion Aaron gave a very interesting and valuable presentation at district training on how to use social media platforms to gain new Lions and donations to our various causes to make our communities and our world a better place to live and work in. Copies of his handouts will be emailed to all club members prior to the meeting. For more info, go to [www.emergemarketing.ca](http://www.emergemarketing.ca).



Aaron Dey



DG Regina

**Team Lions**

LCI (that’s Lions Clubs International for our newbie Lions) is offering a \$5,000 membership grant to districts that are proposing a district-wide membership drive. District Governor Regina Cecconi has requested a total of \$1,250 be raised by all clubs in order to apply for the grant. Our club joined “Team Lions” by donating \$100 from our General Fund in order to accomplish this with much thanks from DG Regina.

**2020 MD20 Lions Convention**

The annual New York & Bermuda Lions convention returns to Buffalo next year. The convention committee is asking for volunteers to help out with the myriad of functions we in District 20N are noted for. We currently have the following needs:

- Registration table volunteers – you pick your days and hours and we will surely find a spot for you.
- Goodie bag items - if you or your employer, or friend, or whoever has items that can be donated, we would like to hear from you. Any quantity up to 1,000 is acceptable.
- Goodie bag stuffers – of course, we’ll need Lions to help pack the bags!
- The Family Justice Center will have a table in the vendor area. They will be collecting items to give to those escaping their abusers: make-up and cosmetics, supermarket gift cards, paper products, single portion size snacks (no nuts), juice boxes, kid-friendly quick meals, coffee and associate items, baby care items, OTC pain relievers, full-size toiletries, office products, and cleaning items. Full details at <https://www.fjcsafe.org/about/wish-list/>
- Pin design – is there a budding Rembrandt or Picasso in you? We’d like to hear from you!
- Decorators for the Saturday night party – an hour or two of your time is all we need.
- Program book ads – would you like to place an ad in the convention booklet? Various sizes are available at reasonable costs.

Contact Convention Chair Lion Bette Stonebraker for more details. Her phone is 901-2853; email: [bstonebr98@gmail.com](mailto:bstonebr98@gmail.com).



Lions Dick Crawford, Tom Rusert, and Shelia Ferrentino are only a few of our many members who made the White Cane Drive a huge success. Our Club raised \$2356.13 to help the blind and sight impaired. Not shown who volunteered their time were Lions Dave, Tom Digati, Henry, Annette, Tom R., Tom and Peggy Butler, Tom W., Bob, Sarah, Kelly, Norm, Paul B and Bev.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Thomas Digati  
Thomas DiJohn \

**50/50**  **Lion Paul Bassette Picked a silver nugget at our May 22nd meeting....**

The Split Club sticks have been replaced with poker chips with club members names on it. The deck of cards has also been replaced by a much sweeter treat: Hershey Nuggets! 52 Nuggets in all, 48 wrapped in silver, 4 in gold. Pick a gold one and whatever the pot is at, you win the nugget and the cash! Pick a silver and at least you have something that tastes good - everybody knows chocolate soothes you!

Lion Tom Witkowski

Thanks to Lions Donna Lavalley, Tom Witkowski, Tom Rusert, Shelia Ferrentino, Anne Fahning, Bob Goulding and Annette Lobl for contributions to this newsletter. The deadline for the October Newsletter is Friday September 27th. If you have material for the newsletter, you can e-mail it to Lion Dave Chervinsky, the editor/publisher, at:

[grandislandliodave@gmail.com](mailto:grandislandliodave@gmail.com).

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