



# The Grand Island Lion

## September 2008



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### Events for September:

#### General Meeting September 10h Holiday Inn

Cocktails 6:30 Dinner 7:00PM

Program: Matt Enstice-Executive Director of the Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus

#### District 20N Cabinet Meeting September 13, 2008 at Shea's Theater

Registration - 9:00 A.M. Meeting - 10:00 AM. Lunch - 12:00 P.M. Cost - \$15.00  
RSVP by September 5th, 2008

Lion Diane Dubiel [773-3465 or E-mail [gard1940@verizon.net](mailto:gard1940@verizon.net)  
Carpool will meet at G.I.Plaza, near Blockbusters, at 8:15 A.M

#### General Meeting September 24th

Cocktails 6:30 Dinner 7PM

Buffalo Launch Club

Program: TBA

**Board Meeting to follow**

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Autumn is around the corner - where DID the summer go? As we wind down from our busy summer schedules, we look forward to resuming our regular meetings this month. Let's pause first, to reflect on summertime's accomplishments:

On July 16th we ran our 50th Special Childrens' Picnic. It will go down in our Club's history as a memorable event, not only for all the special kids and guests who attended, but for all the Lions and volunteers who gave of themselves to make others happy. Thanks to all of you for a job well done, and a special thanks to Lion Mike Steinagel, who chaired this event.

Our Members' Picnic on July 19th was wonderful, thanks to our gracious hosts Lion Bud and Ellie Pritchard, and all who pitched in to help. We honored Lion Bud for his 51 years of membership in our Club. Thanks to Lion Shelia and her assistants for chairing this event, and to Lion Dave Pelosi for fantastic photography for both events.

Our White Cane Sale on August 22nd-23rd resulted in donations exceeding last year's. Lion Dick Planavsky, thank you for a great job, despite having fewer volunteers than hoped for. Let's mark next year's calendar, to devote a few hours to this fundraiser. Perhaps we can reach out to our High School seniors, looking for some Community Service time needed for their college resumes.

On August 24th seven Grand Island Lions participated in District 20N's Leadership Forum in Springville. Our own Lion Tom Witkowski taught two seminars, which were enlightening. (Pardon the pun--we experienced lightning, thunder and a downpour on the way home!) We all agreed it was well worth spending a few hours on a summer Sunday to expand our knowledge of Lionism, which we can share with our Club members and those in the community. Thanks to all who attended.

We look forward to an exciting fall schedule, with interesting speakers, and new ideas to share. We welcome Lion Colby Smith as our Program Chair, and Lion Dave Pelosi as Club photographer and Publicity Co-chair with Lion Anne Fahning. Also, new members Lions Mark and Denise Dunbar have joined our Telephone Committee--welcome!

See the "COMING EVENTS" column in this issue for some great things about to happen. I look forward to seeing you at your next meeting, so we can begin to "Share the Light of Lionism" with others!



Lion President Diane Dubiel



On Top of the World: One of over 1000 special kids enjoys a boat ride on the Niagara River.



Special Kids Picnic Chairman Lion Mike Steinagel (left) Poses with Lions District 20N Governor Jim Muscoreil during our 50th

**Attention all Lions: Lions Club Vests**

The following is information about Lions Club vests. We'd like to place an order for anyone wanting to purchase one. We hope to get a minimum of 12 to avoid the service charge. Please notify Lion Anne Fahning by September 25<sup>th</sup> (773-1900 or [afahning@realtyusa.com](mailto:afahning@realtyusa.com)) if you'd like a vest. We will bill you as soon as the order is placed.

	<u>A138 (full vest with pockets)</u>	<u>A70 (bolero style )</u>
Sm, Med , Lg	\$34.95	\$22.50
XI, XXL	\$39.95	\$27.50
Custom Lg.	\$48.95	\$35.50

Service charge      1-5 vests      \$40  
                                  6-11 vests      \$20  
                                  12 or more-no service fee

The vests are gold. We can mix styles.

Design on vest:  
 "Grand Island Lions" \$3.75 each vest  
 First name \$4.00 each vest  
 Letters sown on



A138



A70 (bolero)

A young and successful executive was traveling down a neighborhood street, going a bit too fast in his new Jaguar. He was watching for kids darting out from between parked cars and slowed down when he thought he saw something. As his car passed, no children appeared. Instead, a brick smashed into the Jag's side door! He slammed on the brakes and backed the Jag back to the spot where the brick had been thrown. The angry driver then jumped out of the car, grabbed the nearest kid and pushed him up against a parked car shouting, 'What was that all about and who are you? Just what the heck are you doing? That's a new car and that brick you threw is going to cost a lot of money. Why did you do it?' The young boy was apologetic. 'Please, mister...please, I'm sorry but I didn't know what else to do,' He pleaded. 'I threw the brick because no one else would stop. ..' With tears dripping down his face and off his chin, the youth pointed to a spot just around a parked car. 'It's my brother, 'he said 'He rolled off the curb and fell out of his wheelchair and I can't lift him up.' Now sobbing, the boy asked the stunned executive, 'Would you please help me get him back into his wheelchair? He's hurt and he's too heavy for me.' Moved beyond words, the driver tried to swallow the rapidly swelling lump in his throat. He hurriedly lifted the handicapped boy back into the wheelchair, then took out a linen handkerchief and dabbed at the fresh scrapes and cuts. A quick look told him everything was going to be okay. 'Thank you and may God bless you,' the grateful child told the stranger . Too shook up for words, the man simply watch ed the boy! push his wheelchair-bound brother down the sidewalk toward their home. It was a long, slow walk back to the Jaguar. The damage was very noticeable, but the driver never bothered to repair the dented side door. He kept the dent there to remind him of this message: 'Don't go through life so fast that someone has to throw a brick at you to get your attention!' God whispers in our souls and speaks to our hearts. Sometimes when we don't have time to listen, He has to throw a brick at us. It's our choice to listen or not.

Lion Floyd

Recently I turned 65 and had to choose a new primary care physician for my Medicare program. After two visits and exhaustive lab tests, he said I was doing 'fairly well' for my age. A little concerned about that comment, I couldn't resist asking him, 'Do you think I will live to be 80?'

He asked: 'Do you smoke tobacco or drink alcoholic beverages?' 'Oh no,' I replied. 'I don't do drugs, either.'

'Do you have many friends and entertain frequently?' I said, 'No, I usually stay home and keep to myself.'

'Do you eat rib-eye steaks and barbecued ribs?' I said, 'No, my other doctor said that all red meat is unhealthy!'

'Do you spend a lot of time in the sun, like playing golf, sailing, hiking or bicycling?' 'No, I don't,' I said.

'Do you gamble, drive fast cars, or have a lot of sex?' 'No,' I said. 'I don't do any of those things.'

He looked at me and said, 'Then why do you give a darn if you will reach 80?'



Thanks to Lions Dave Pelosi, Paul Bassette, Anne Fahning, Annette Boies-Lobl, Floyd Doring and Diane Dubiel all of whom contributed to this newsletter. The deadline for the October Newsletter is Wednesday October 1st. If you have material for the newsletter, you can e-mail it to Dave Chervinsky, the editor/publisher, at [dschervin@yahoo.com](mailto:dschervin@yahoo.com). Please visit our web site: [www.gilions.com](http://www.gilions.com).

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