



The Grand Island Lion

April 2009



Upcoming events:

General Membership and ACM Meeting
Wednesday April 8th
Knights of Columbus Hall
Cocktails 6:30 Dinner 7PM

General Membership Meeting
Wednesday April 22nd
BLC
Cocktails 6:30 Dinner 7PM
Program: Dr. Darnell Cole
Chiropractic Medicine

Grand Island Lions Board Meeting
Wednesday April 22nd 9PM

Niagara Frontier Radio Reading Service
22nd Anniversary Dinner
April 22nd 6PM
Salvatore's Italian Gardens

Lions Journey for Sight
April 25th 10AM
Tuscarora State Park

MD20 convention
May 22nd
Binghamton NY

District 20N Recognition Dinner
May 29th
Salvatore's Italian Gardens

Youngstown/Wilson Golf Classic
June 12th
Willowbrook Golf Course
Lockport NY

Kenmore Lions 80th Anniversary
May 8th 2009 6PM
Sean Patricks Restaurant
Getzville NY

Lions International Convention
July 6-10 2009
Minneapolis MN

Grand Island Lions "Special Kids Picnic"
July 15th
Buffalo Launch Club

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CLUB IS NOW
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Lelani Pelletier, Program director of Alzheimer's Association Receives a check from Lion President Diane Dubiel at our February 11th meeting

Come one, come all
to the Knights of Columbus Hall!
1841 Whitehaven Road Grand Island
for the Region 2 ACM
Wednesday April 8, 2009
7 PM Sharp (latecomers fined)
Hobnob with your fellow Lions from
Amherst, Grand Island, Kenmore, Pendleton,
Sheridan Drive, Tonawandas, Wheatfield, and Williamsville
Learn and share news, ideas, projects, and events with your fellow Lions!
Only \$9 per Lion
Light dinner menu of roast beef sandwiches, potato salad,
tossed salad, coffee, and tea Beer and pop at the bar.
Deadline for reservations is
Friday, April 3, 2009
Call Lion Tom at 773-4437
to reserve your seat today!



Lion President Diane Dubiel presents a check to Merritton Lion President Arnold Hartnet during their 70th Anniversary celebration. Also pictured during this event are Lions Dick Crawford and Jerry Dubiel listening to Lion Ted Collins from our Sister Club.

Dear Grand Island Lions,

On behalf of the Merritton Lions, a big thank you to the Grand Island Lions Club for your generous donation and for your representation at our 70th Anniversary Celebration. It was a real pleasure having you there. We hope you enjoyed yourselves and look forward to joining you soon in more Lions endeavours.

Yours in Lionism, Glenn Connell , Secretary Merritton Lions Club



Grand Island Bowling Team placed 2nd in the Sweet Sixteen Merritton Bowling Tournament earning a qualifying exemption and automatic spot in next year's tourney. Congratulations!!! Lion Glenn Connell



Jason Bridge, pictured here with Paul Bassette of the Grand Island Lions club, is the manager of eye and tissue services at UNYTS Corneal Transplants. Addressing the Lions club at the Buffalo Launch Club, Jason showed on Power Point, an actual corneal transplant using state of the art equipment at UNYTS which is the only organization in New York with this particular equipment. It is a brand new technology that has created the ability for more donor tissue to stay right here in WNY. There is also increased demand for tissue from across the country using this new methodology. UNYTS (Upstate N.Y. Transplant Services) is instrumental in keep blood and other tissue available for use in patients locally rather than being sent to other parts of the country.

Youngstown/Wilson Lions Clubs The 3rd Annual
 Youngstown/Wilson Lions Club GOLF CLASSIC
 Friday, June 12th, 2009
 Willowbrook Golf Course, Lockport, NY
 \$95.00 Includes Golf + Cart + Range Balls
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"We take a journey so that others may see."

LIONS JOURNEY FOR SIGHT

Celebrating our 20th Anniversary!

April 25, 2009
Tuscarora State Park
3371 Lake Road (Route 18), Wilson, NY
Registration at 10 a.m. Journey at 11 a.m.

Benefiting:
Lions Camp Badger SEE Program
Niagara County Food Pantries
Canine Helpers for the Handicapped
Vision Beyond Sight

Registration: \$15 w/tee, \$5 w/o tee
Pre-registration by April 11 will guarantee your commemorative tee-shirt will be available on Journey Day

Free food and refreshments!
Entertainment by Niagara Experience Players and Town of Niagara Lions Strawberry Festival Idol winners!

Visit our website at www.20nlions.org
For more info, call 716-773-4437
or email at lions20n@roadrunner.com

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Ransomville, Town of Niagara, Youngstown, Amherst, Hamburg,
Kensington, Lancaster, South Buffalo-Lackawanna, and
West Seneca; Vision Beyond Sight, Inc. and Lion Joe Kloc*



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On October 2-4th The Knights of Columbus will be celebrating their 50th Anniversary. Mark your calendars and look for more information on the coming events!

The Special Kids Picnic is looking for able bodied and not so able bodied Lions to help with the planning and implementation of the picnic please let me know how and where you would like to participate in this project. Happy New year and Thanks. Lion Annette Lobl.

The Grand Island Lions has ordered a book on the history of the Lions called "Lions Clubs of the 21st Century". The book will be passed on from one president to the next. It is interesting reading and costs \$29.95. Anyone interested in ordering can use the form on this page or call 1(630) 571-5466. The form will also be available on our web site: www.gilions.com.



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The officers listed below will be voted on at the April 8th meeting.

Nominations of Officers Grand Island Lions Club for 2009-2010

President - Henry Lobl

1st Vice President - Dave Chervinsky

2nd Vice President - Anne Fanning

3rd Vice President - Tom Witkowski

Treasurer - Dick Crawford

Corresponding Secretary - Annette Lobl

Recording Secretary - Donna LaVallee

Tail Twister - Bill Wind

Lion Tamer - Fred Ruocco

Director - Two Year - Dick Planavsky

Director - Two Year - Al Ackerman

Director - One Year - Jerry Dubiel

Director - One Year - Norm Hahn

Membership Chair - Paul Bassette

Immediate Past President - Diane Dubiel

Respectfully Submitted,

Lion Paul Bassette, Nominating Committee Chair

March 18, 2009



Quotes of Red Skelton:

"Two times a week, my Wife and I go to a nice restaurant, have a little beverage, good food and companionship. She goes on Tuesday's, I go on Fridays."

"I Take my wife everywhere...but she keeps finding her way back."

"When I asked my wife where she wanted to go for our anniversary, she said, 'Somewhere I haven't been in a long time.' So I suggested the kitchen."

"I married Miss Right. I Didn't know her first name was Always."

"The last fight was my fault, though. My wife asked, 'What's on the TV?' I said. 'Dust!'"

Lion Al



" The SPCA receives a donation from the President Diane Dubiel of the Grand Island Lion Club. Cheryl Lindstrom and Kim Zolnowski from the Erie County SPCA, presented information on the operations of the privately funded SPCA . They also described the volunteer opportunities available to the public. Foster care and adoption are two of many options open to those who would like to help. For more information call Cheryl at 609-0189"

Thanks to Lions Glenn Connell, Anne Fahning, Annette Boies-Lobl, Dick Crawford, Tom Witkowski, Paul Bassette, Kathie Norris and Diane Dubiel all of whom contributed to this newsletter. The deadline for the May Newsletter is Thursday April 30th. If you have material for the newsletter, you can e-mail it to Dave Chervinsky, the editor/publisher, at dschervin@yahoo.com. Please visit our web site: www.gilions.com.

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