



The Grand Island Lion

May 2025

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Wednesday May 7th
Lions General meeting
Guest speaker: Lions 20N District Governor
Site TBA

May 16th-19th
Lions State Convention
Niagara Falls NY

Wednesday May 21st
Lions General meeting
Board meeting to follow
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As we embark on the beautiful month of May, let us embrace the opportunities to make a significant impact in our community and beyond. I would like to thank everyone for their hard work on another successful Spaghetti Dinner. Lion Dick did a great job putting it together. Lions Anne and her crew had a lot of wonderful auction baskets, donated by all our friends across the island. Lions Susan, Jenny, and Annie made almost \$400 at the bake sale. We could not have been as successful without the help of the members and spouses who worked at the event. And a huge thank you to the kids and volunteers from Young Life for helping to serve, clean up, and run take-out dinners.



I want to thank everyone who came out to help with the Island-wide cleanup this past month. We collected a lot of garbage to make our community beautiful. If you haven't signed up for the State Convention in Niagara Falls, there is still time. It takes place from May 16th to 19th. This convention is a wonderful occasion for us to come together with Lions across the state, share ideas, and strengthen our bonds of fellowship. It is a time to celebrate our achievements, learn from one another, and set our sights on future endeavors that will further our mission of service. Your participation is vital, and we look forward to seeing you there, engaging in enriching discussions, attending insightful workshops, and enjoying the camaraderie that defines our club.

Another significant event this month is World Hunger Day on May 28th. This day reminds us of the pressing issue of hunger that affects millions of people worldwide. As Lions, we have a responsibility to contribute to alleviating hunger and fostering food security. Let us use this day to raise awareness, organize food drives, and support initiatives that provide nourishment to those in need. Every small action counts, and can lead to transformative change in the lives of many. Together, we can make a profound difference and uphold the values of compassion and service that are at the heart of our organization. Make a special effort to bring canned goods, dry goods, diapers, and personal hygiene items to the meeting this month, for donation to the Neighbors Foundation and other food pantries.

May this month inspire us all to take bold steps in our service journey, uplift those around us, and continue to be beacons of hope and support in our community. Thank you for your dedication and commitment. Let us proceed with enthusiasm, and let our service echo the spirit of Lions everywhere.

Lion President Jim



We are Saddened by the loss of former Lion Jerry Dubiel. Jerry and his Wife, Diane were active and valuable members of our Club for many years. A service is being planned on June 7th at St Stephans Church.



Pictures from our April 9th Lions joint meeting with our sister club Merritton Lions at the Merritton Community Centre at Merritton Ontario. Photos courtesy of Lions Alice Gerard (top) and Glenn Connell (bottom).



Paddles Up at Beaver Island July 26th.

We once again have been asked to sell hotdogs at the event. To sign up email Lion Anne Fahning or Lion Dick Crawford.

Lions,
 We have added only one new Lion so far this year. Just think how more members would help us achieve our goals and projects in fulfilling the Lions mission. Before the Lions year ends let's have each member bring in at least one new Lion to our club.
 Sincerely,
 Lion Tom Rusert
 Membership Chair

Lions
 Dues are due by May31st. If you haven't paid your dues by the end of May, you risk losing your club membership. There are multiple ways to pay, including sending a check to PO Box 71 Grand Island NY 14072. For more information, contact our club secretary Kelly McGarvey at kmcgarvey2008@aol.com.

Lion Dave

District 20N Cabinet Meeting



Saturday, May 10th

**Orchard Park
Presbyterian Church
4369 South Buffalo St
Orchard Park**

9 AM Registration

**District Training Sessions will also be held –
Cost will be per Club**

**Email CS John Bernard with names of attending
Lions
Jpbernard6760@gmail.com**

**All Lions are welcome Please
bring a guest**

Please return your empties to Bottle and Can Retrieval Center 2447 Grand Island Blvd, Grand Island, **Grand Island Can and Bottle Retrieval Center is now tracking our donations when items are left for them to credit our account.**



Donations for the Neighbors Foundation are on the upswing so please continue to bring any of the listed items to our meetings or drop off Tops gift cards, food items and checks/cash to me and I will deliver to them. They are also in need of diapers, toiletries and personal care items.

Thank you, Lion Tom Rusert

Grand Island Lions Service Projects for March

- 3/21/2025 Youth Eye Screening
- 3/21/2025 Eyeglass Collection
- 3/26/2025 Neighbors Found. Food Collection
- 3/28/2025 Loan Closet
- 3/28/2025 Monthly Clubs Newsletter
- 3/28/2025 Meals on Wheels



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Lion Tom Rusert

Thanks to Lions Glenn Connell, Alice Gerard, Tom Rusert, Jim Ryan, Kelly McGarvey, and Dick Crawford for contributions to this newsletter. The deadline for the June Newsletter is Friday May 30th. If you have material for the newsletter, you can e-mail it to Lion Dave Chervinsky, the editor/publisher at:

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Danielle J. Rose