



The Grand Island Lion

December 2024

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Lions Christmas Party
Buffalo Launch Club
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Happy Holidays! I hope everyone had a nice Thanksgiving and didn't overeat too much. As we enter the festive month of December, whether you specifically celebrate Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, Festivus, or the Winter Solstice, it's the essence of the observance that is important. Let's take a moment to celebrate the spirit of giving and community that embodies this beautiful time of year. The joy of the holidays reminds us of the importance of connection, generosity, and kindness.

Throughout the past five months, each of you has contributed to our mission, making a significant difference in the lives of those around us. Let's carry that spirit into this month by reaching out to those who may need a little extra love and support. Whether it's through volunteering, sharing a warm meal, or simply extending a hand to a neighbor, our collective efforts can light the way for others.

As we gather with friends and family, let's also remember our Lions family. The club members and their guests will soon gather for our Holiday Celebration. Thanks to Lions Kelly, Donna, and others for putting together the party this year. Let's share moments of joy, laughter, and gratitude. Together, we can ensure that the warmth of the holiday season spreads far and wide.

Remember, we will be having our Axe-Throwing Event in January. Invite your friends, spouses, and any potential members to this event. More information will be coming this month.

A huge thanks to Lion Dick and Lion Tom Rusert for putting up the new signs at the north and south entrances of the island.

Please notice the improvement as you drive by.

If you make year-end financial contributions, please consider LCIF. Our Foundation is always among the highest-rated charities by any outside service and measurement. You can find out how to donate online at www.lionsclubs.org. There is much need for the funds this year with all the disasters in the US and around the world.

Wishing you all a wonderful December filled with happiness, reflection, and an abundance of goodwill. Thank you for your unwavering commitment and the light you bring to our community.

Lion President Jim Ryan

Lions Christmas Party

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Well here it is, all the details on our Lions Christmas Party:

When: Wednesday, December 11th
Where: Buffalo Launch Club @ 503 East River Road
Time: 6:00 - 9:00 pm
Cost: \$33.00 (for ease, pay \$35.00 and we can leave a nice tip)



Dinner choices:

1 - Chicken Picatta, garlic mashed potato, broccolini, salad, rolls & butter
(BLC will prepare a gluten free chicken dinner for those requesting)

2 - Vegan ravioli, salad, rolls & butter

For desserts, we are asking some Lions to bring in small plates of their choice. The BLC will setup a tea & coffee station.

As we have done in the past, we are asking everyone to please bring a \$10 wrapped gift for our "white elephant" game. For those inviting guests, please let your guests aware of this so no one is left out of playing the game.

I will need to have your RSVP by Sunday, December 1st. I will also need to know your choice of dinners and if any special dietary needs required.

6:00 - 6:30 pm Cocktails at Cash Bar
6:30 - 7:30 pm Dinner served
7:30 - 9:00 pm Brief meeting, dessert & games

NOTE: Please remember, once I give the final count to the BLC (on Mon, Dec 2nd), if you end up not attending the Christmas Party, you will still owe the club for the dinner(s).

Hope to see everyone at this event!

Lion Kelly
Lion Donna





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 October

10/6/2024 Hurricane Relief Collection
 10/25/2024 Meet with 2nd Graders
 10/25/2024 Deliver Meals on Wheels
 10/28/2024 Clubs Monthly Newsletter
 10/30/2024 Peace Poster Setup
 10/30/2024 Neighborhood Foundation Food Collection
 10/31/2024 Loan Closet Distribution



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Lion Tom Rusert

Thanks to Lions Tom Rusert, Donna Lavalley, Kelly McGarvey and Jim Ryan, for contributions to this newsletter. The deadline for the January Newsletter is Friday December 27th. If you have material for the newsletter, you can e-mail it to Lion Dave Chervinsky, the editor/publisher at: grandislandliondave@gmail.com.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Sarah A. Sweeney
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 Norman Hahn
 Susan Standora