



The Grand Island Lion

March 2013

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The split club is now
\$63 and counting...



Dear Lions Pride,

Is it me that is experiencing how fast time flies? Spring is now just weeks away (yay!) and so is a host of upcoming activities that we can sink our collective teeth into. Nominations are currently being accepted from those who wish to serve in capacities as club officers. Think you don't have what it takes? Think again! You as an officer have those with experience to help you learn and succeed. Learning the ropes is easy and opens the doors to networking and service in ways you may have not imagined. The words that President Kennedy once said ring true for your club also: ask not what your club can do for you; ask what you can do for our club.



WE SERVE

Upcoming events:

March:

Wednesday March. 13th:
Lions General Meeting
G.I. Holiday Inn
Cocktails 6:30 Dinner 7PM
Program: VOAD/CERT Disaster preparedness.
Guests: Lion Mike Hoplight
Stephen Stouter

Wednesday Feb. 27th
Lions General Meeting
Buffalo Launch Club
Guest speaker : Barb Gannon
Golden Age Center
Cocktails 6:30 Dinner 7PM

BOD Meeting: TBA

At our next meeting, Town of Niagara Lion Mike Hoplight will seek our club's interest in becoming a voluntary organization active in disaster or VOAD for short. Mike has been very active in his service with the American Red Cross in Afghanistan and Iraq as well as our own shores when needed. Though our community has an active volunteer emergency response team (CERT), we as Lions can be of enormous help through volunteer efforts that are in need when disaster strikes. I have invited Stephen Stouter, who directs the Island's CERT team, to join us in the discussion how we as Lions and citizens can interact in a coordinated manner. Lions International provides grants when emergency situations arise and we will need up-to-date information as to what is needed. I hope you all can attend this vital discussion. We will also have a board meeting afterwards to attend to business that needs to be addressed. All members are invited.

We return to our normal schedule of evening meetings as our experiment with a noon meeting was tried but didn't pan out as hoped. But, we have learned and we now move on; we also leave that option for a future time should the need arise.

Our second meeting will find us meeting with Barb Gannon of the Golden Age Center to learn where our club could be of help. It is part of our outreach to the community and we welcome her to meet with us. We will also have two prospects who are genuinely interested in learning more about us. Please welcome them when we return to the Buffalo Launch Club for that meeting.

Enjoy your month but please keep the families and friends of our ill and recently departed Lions family in your thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely yours in service,
Lion Tom Witkowski

The Homecoming and Roast**DG John Shaffer**

Saturday April 20, 2013

Lucarelli's Banquet Center

1830 Abbott road, Buffalo, NY

\$25 per person

Dinner and Open Bar 1 hour before
and 1 hour after

RSVP by April 01, 2013

Lion Judy Winnert

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Tom De Carlo joined our Club in 1978. He was spaghetti dinner Chair in 1981 and continues as Asst. Chef He was Lion Tamer in 1988. He assumed 2nd Vice –President position in 1989 becoming President in 1991. He has held the position of Director for 3 years. Tom co-chaired the Special Kids Picnic in 2006 . He has been Chair of the July 4th parade for 4 years. He is recognized for 5 years of perfect attendance. He has participated in the Christmas tree sales. Despite moving off the Island and travel Tom attends meetings on a regular basis. Thank-You Tom for your on –going participation.

South Buffalo-Lackawanna Lion Judy Winnert is seeking donations of items for the bags handed out to every one attending our state convention in May. You, or someone you know, can donate items to be inserted in the goodie bags.

Items such as pens, pencils, notepads, key chains, and any other items of interest would be great. If you can supply 10 or more, it would be most helpful. There was no timeline stated but we should have all these things submitted by mid-April. So, if you can, bring them to any one of our meetings and I will bring them all to Lion Judy before then.

Thanks in advance for your consideration!

Lion President Tom

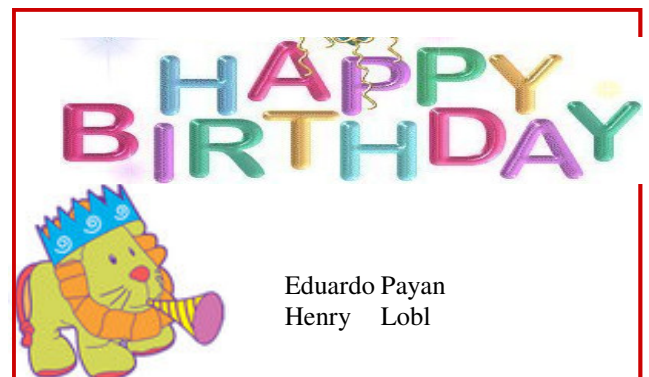


- 1) Everyone has a photographic mind, some just don't have film.
 - 2) Q.What looks like a half an apple; A.The other half,
 - 3) Q. If King Midas sat on gold, who sat on Silver? A. The Lone Ranger.
 - 4) Q. What is the best way to prevent infections from biting insects? A. Don't bite any!
 - 5) Q. What's the cure for insomnia? A. A good night's sleep!
 - 6) Bob; Do you like raisen bread? Jim; Don't know, never raised any!
 - 7) Q. What 3 letters turn a girl into a woman? A. a, g and e.
- Last, but not least! Q. What can you wear anytime that never goes out of style? A. A SMILE!
- Lion AL

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