



The Grand Island Lion

October 2024

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Wednesday October 23rd
Lions General Membership
Meeting.
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October is Vision Awareness Month!

Let's cut to the chase. You have two eyes. Like your car or your home or your loved ones, you take care of them, you nurture them, you make sure they are OK. How about your eyes? When was your last dilated exam?

This is the reality facing millions of people around the world today. Globally, there are 43 million people living with blindness and 295 million people living with moderate-to-severe visual impairment. Out of these, a huge 77% is completely preventable or treatable. (gbr.orbis.org) Other estimates go as high as 90%.

The fact remains, vision loss doesn't have to happen in most cases. So schedule your appointment today and do it every year. And don't forget your loved ones too. And because we're Lions, that is one of our missions. We have the resources and the connections to help you if you can't afford it. So do it today and see a better and brighter future. You owe it to yourself and your family.

School vision screenings have begun!

"The usual suspects" of a cadre of Lions have begun vision screenings in the Buffalo public school system. Already over 1,000 kids have been screened with an average referral rate of just over 20%. In two schools the rate of referral was 33% and an astonishing 43%! Many reasons for the causes but if these kids get treated before they're eight years old, they stand a great chance of having great eyesight for the rest of their lives - imagine that! After discussing this with several Lions and a representative from Zonta at our recent Open House, it looks like we will hopefully gain several more screeners to add to "the usual suspects".

You can be the cause for change in a lot of kids lives. Screening is easy and requires no more than 60-90 minutes on average to screen a school. We screen in-class at the start of the school day. The teachers are great in accepting us into their busy schedule. And the kids? What can I say? They are awesome. And we do make a difference!

If you're interested, I will be hosting a screening training class sometime in November. You will be amazed at the technological advances that have evolved since the days of using modified Polaroid cameras to take photos that were analyzed for optometric specialists. Let me know so that I can prepare you for a wonderful experience as a Lion. I've been screening for what is now the start of my 28th year and find it one of the most rewarding labors of love as a Lion. Pictured is our Lion Janine Justin screening last year in a GI school. Come join us and become "a usual suspect".



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**Grand Island Lions Club
General Meeting
September 25, 2024**

Attendance: (16 in attendance) LP Jim Ryan, Tom Rusert, Tom Witkowski, Kelly McGarvey, Susan Standora, Paul Bassette, Debbie Hays, Jennie Bagen, Dave Chervinsky, Anne Fahning, Donna Lavallee, 5 guests

This meeting was held as in informational meeting to introduce Lionism to prospective members. The meeting was in the Heron Pointe Community room starting at 6 PM with lite refreshments followed by a presentation on Lions. There were applications and information available regarding what our club does for the region and our community.

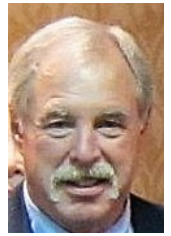
Lion President Jim Ryan began the meeting presentation at 6:35 PM. The presentation provided an overview of the inception of the Lions Club, now growing to the largest service organization in the world. The clubs are all about helping people focusing on 8 specific service activities. Our guests were asked to consider joining our club which would bring in new ideas and manpower serve our community. There was a time for questions and answers.

Prior to the end of the meeting Lion Kelly read an email to the members regarding Lion Shelia's resignation from the club.

Meeting adjourned at 8 PM

Submitted by Lion Donna Lavallee

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



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Lion Tom Rusert

Thanks to Lions Tom Rusert, Donna Lavallee, Tom Witkowski, and Jim Ryan, for contributions to this newsletter. The deadline for the November Newsletter is Friday October 25th. 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



Annie Carlson