

WINDWORDS

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GLKS NEWSLETTER

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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July 3 (Sunday)	Fourth of July Fly. Noon to 4 PM. Public Welcome Theme: Patriots Day. Red, white, & blue.
July 11(Monday)	Meeting at Polish Falcons, 445 Columbia Ave. Depew, NY 14043 7 PM Sharp! All members are welcome!
July 17 (Sunday)	Third Sunday Fly. Noon to 4 PM. Public Welcome Theme: Bugs Fly - Any insect kite.
July 22 (Friday)	<u>SKY'S THE LIMIT FLY</u> It is located in the Buffalo Harbor State Park which is the grassy area between Gallagher Beach and the Small Boat Harbor. Approximately 1111 Fuhrmann Blvd, Buffalo, NY 14203
Aug 1 (Monday)	Meeting at Polish Falcons, 445 Columbia Ave. Depew, NY 14043 7 PM Sharp! All members are welcome!
Aug 7 (Sunday)	<p style="text-align: center;">~~ <u>MISS BUFFALO II COMBO HARBOR CRUISE</u> ~~ BUFFET LUNCH AND SIGHTSEEING FOR 2016 Address is 79 Marine Drive, Buffalo, NY Entrance to Miss Buffalo II is located at Erie Basin Marina</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The cruise includes Lunch at the dock (11:30am to 12:30pm). And a narrated sightseeing harbor cruise (12:30pm to 2:30pm). Plan on assembling by the Miss Buffalo at 11:00am.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The lunch menu served buffet style: Fresh Garden, Roast Beef in Gravy, BBQ Chicken, Pasta Salad, Assorted Rolls & Butter, Assorted Cookies and Coffee Service</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Our reservation minimum has been met but we can accept more</u> <u>If you want to join us, reservations are required by July 25 th</u> Cost per person (No Refund): Member \$10.00 - Guest \$30.00 Note: Single members must pay the Guest price for their partner.</p>

Aug 21 (Sunday)	<p>GLKS Annual Picnic. Noon to 4 PM.</p> <p>This is our premiere kiting events for members only. Bring a dish to pass. A kite will be raffled and there are more kites for door prizes. There will be a 50/50 drawing. SEE THE ARTICLE BELOW ABOUT FOOD SAFETY!! Theme: Any dragon kites.</p>
Aug 27 (Saturday)	<p>GLKS Annual Night Fly. Public Welcome.</p> <p>Pizza will be served to GLKS members prior to the night fly.</p> <p>Theme: Illuminated Kite. Kites carry lights or are lit by spotlights from the ground. Kites dancing in the air with lights can be pretty and a little spooky. Think UFO spooky. And lights on the on your person or on a ground display.</p>
Sept 4 (Sunday)	<p>First Sunday Fly. Noon to 4 PM. Public Welcome</p> <p>Theme: Labor Day – Kites that are a lot of work to assemble or fly.</p>
Sept 12 (Monday)	<p>Meeting at Polish Falcons, 445 Columbia Ave. Depew, NY 14043 7 PM Sharp! All members are welcome!</p>
Sept 17 (Saturday)	<p>Kidz N Kites - Town of Niagara Veteran's Memorial Park</p> <p>Niagara County Sponsored Kidz N Kites. We provide the back drop while the first 1,000 kids receive a free kite, T-shirt, hot dog, and a beverage. All kinds of activities are provided for the kids.</p>
Sept 18 (Sunday)	<p>Third Sunday Fly. Noon to 4 PM. Public Welcome</p> <p>Theme: Big Kite Day - Fly the largest kite you own.</p>

PAST EVENTS

April 10th. Another successful Auction and Chili Cook-Off is in the books.

The GLKS 2016 Edition Auction & Chili Cook-Off took place at the Polish Falcons in Depew on Sunday, April 10. I'm pleased to report that it was a success! How could it not have been? It was a pleasant day spent with other kite enthusiasts and the unofficial beginning of the prime kite flying season in Western New York. In addition to our many GLKS flyers, we saw folks from Rochester and Canada, as well as, some non-members who came for bargains and kite flying camaraderie.

Items in this year's auction included many large and small kites, kite related figurines and decorative pieces, as well as, some collectibles. As has become customary, we had donations of baked goods auctioned to benefit the club. The auction resulted in 57 sold items, almost everything that was available. The item that sold for the highest amount was a large kite sold by Dave Watson from Rochester, which sold for \$90.

Congratulations to this year's Chili Cook-Off winner, rookie entrant, Russ Kelly. Russ earned the privilege of having his name added to the "Chili Winds Kite" with the added bonus of having it to fly until next year's auction.

Congratulations also to Mike Crocker whose 50/50 win helped to offset his kite spending for the day.

Thank you to all of our Chili cooks: Dawn, Shelley, Russ, Pat, oh and I made chili too and to our 2016 judges; Colleen Collins, Bill Daniels and Paul Kort. Please remember to start your research for your next entry. But before you get too excited or too far into your plan, let me share some of my observations. First, we provide the judges with the judging criteria and the scale, they provide the scores. Second, our panel of judges has varied so you cannot make longitudinal assumptions about the judging. In other words, the characteristics that make a winner one year can be very different from the next winner. Third, what is rated best by the judges is not always the most popular with the crowd as measured by the emptiness of the pots at the end of the festivities. Fourth, the scores for each chili tend to be pretty close to each other.

As I know most will appreciate these events don't just happen. There is lots of advanced preparation and lots of support during the event. I want to thank everyone for their contributions to this year's event and apologize to anyone I might have forgotten to mention specifically.

I've already mentioned the chili cooks and judges and would like to thank other cooks and bakers; Tom Gielow for his bean soup, Vince for his six foot long sub sandwich, Jack (whose last name I don't know, a non-member who had such fun last year and wanted to get in on the support) for his delicious artichoke dip and chips, kite decorated cupcakes and cookies from Shelley, cookies from Jackie and Jack's sister, Valerie. We also had auctioned cookies from Shelley and Marsha with brownies from Todd. I also want to thank Vince for his food set-up and clean-up efforts; Ted, Ken and Mike for their work on keeping all the recordkeeping in order; and the senior assistant runner Kyle.

I look forward to seeing you all and your new kite purchases on the flying field soon.

Keep alert for favorable winds.

Submitted by Ellen Reen
G.L.K.S Board of Directors

Welcome to New Members

If you see a new face on the field you may very well be looking at a new member. Please take a minute to introduce yourself to: Tom & Kathy Riexinger who have been seen flying kites with lots of streamers. Loren Jensen, a good friend of Tom Beatty. Angel Bosque, who was really excited about helping to launch my Orca whale into the air, and Milly.

May 21st. Kites for Vets

Attached is an article from The Buffalo New **"Come Fly a Kite to Help Homeless Veterans"**. Valerie did a fine, fine job giving plug for GLKS.

Kites raise awareness for vets

Families enjoy day despite weak winds

By KAREN ROBINSON

NEWS STAFF REPORTER

NORTH TONAWANDA - The life-sized kite in the shape of a bald eagle gripping an American flag with its talons made its own statement Saturday flying high above Gratwick-Riverside Park along the Niagara River.

Even though the afternoon didn't yield much wind to create ideal conditions for a community kite-flying event designed to raise money for homeless veterans, it didn't stop the nearly 300 enthusiasts who came out to give it their best. A large butterfly kite was high in the air most of the afternoon. Kites sporting rainbow-colored tails and a green and blue box kite also took to the skies.

Valerie Dumpleton defied the odds of this less-than-optimal kite-flying day.

The 83-year-old native of England - who now lives in Wheatfield and has been flying kites for more than 20 years - looked every bit the part. She wore a colorful blouse she had made, its print full of colorful kites. And, she proudly talked about the Great Lakes Kitefliers Society, which again helped with the annual "Come Fly a Kite to Help a Homeless Veteran" family event.

"We're here to fly our kites to bring attention to the vets," said Dumpleton, a society member who also carried around a small red kite with a colorful tail that she intends to deploy for when 2-month-old great-granddaughter Adley Grace is ready to fly kites with her. "It's very important when you think these men and women have become homeless. It's a very sad situation."

It was the fourth year that the fundraiser was held at Gratwick-Riverside. The event provides free kites and relies on the donations of participants and sponsors to raise money that is then donated to a variety of organizations and, in some cases, helps veterans who need a helping hand to get an apartment.

Vietnam veteran Jack Michel, founder of the event, said the light-wind conditions likely resulted in a lower-than-usual turnout. Coupled with the loss of two sponsors and other community events going on at the same time, he expected \$4,000 to \$5,000 to be generated - down from the \$20,000 raised last summer in donations and sponsors.

"We do what we can," Michel said.

"We all feel that raising awareness for the housing problem for the veterans when they return is important," said Michel, who noted that on any given



Mark Mulville/Buffalo News

Rielly Brick tries to launch her kite Saturday at a fundraiser for homeless veterans in Gratwick-Riverside Park, North Tonawanda.

day, there are 2,000 homeless veterans in Western New York. "Charity starts at home. We should make sure that our own veterans, especially those who sacrifice for our country, are taken care of."

West Seneca grandmother Mary Bencic was busy helping her three grandchildren fly their small kites.

"There you go," she shouted to Roman, her 3-year-old grandson. "Wow, good job."

Her husband, George Bencic, a Vietnam veteran, sat a short distance away, helping the other grandchildren with their kites.

"It gets people to recognize us," he said of the event, which featured information booths, bubble performers, clowns and a Chinese auction.

"The veterans are often forgotten and there's a lot of vets that need help with PTSD and medical problems and issues with not being able to afford medicines," Mary Bencic said. "This event is good for the veterans to come and mingle with other veterans. The families are getting together, and you're helping a good cause."

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June 11TH – Score another One for the Optimists

Weather reports in the week leading up to the June 11 Lighthouse Optimist's kite fly and kite making looked pretty bleak. It was expected that rain, heavy at times with high wind and possibly hail would cover the region. As the week progressed, the weather reports improved with showers and some high wind gusts predicted in the morning and maybe again in the afternoon. The sky did not look great when we headed out but there was a nice breeze and no rain. As soon as we arrived at Krull Park the clouds cleared and the sun came out.

We often have little or no wind for this fly, but lack of wind on this day was not an issue. We soon had the banners up and several kites in the air. Some kites went up and down, most stayed up while others were brought down due to damage or fear of damage. There was only one runaway sled kite which was saved from being a total loss by getting caught in Todd's wacky worm tail. The only casualty of this encounter was the flying line on the sled kite which was easily remedied. A few other sleds required some adjustments.

While GLKS was well represented and more members showed up as the event progressed, what we seemed to have a shortage of was young kite makers. Those who attended seemed to really enjoy themselves. They were able to take as much time and care to decorate their kites as they wanted because we did not have lines of children waiting.

The Optimists, as always, were welcoming, appreciative of our efforts and full of friendly hospitality. We had quite a variety of kites with interesting tails and line laundry in the air. As the afternoon went on, the winds seemed to settle down. Kite fliers stayed on even as the Optimists packed up and went home.

Looking For My Home

I've been to Woodlawn Beach, Wildwood NJ and show the signs of being well loved through the years. Somehow I got separated from my owner. I'm quite sure my owner is a kite flyer... but even that is from my recent travels to beaches and digging holes for sand anchors. If you are my owner send an e-mail to my current caretaker Carl Berger csberger@earthlink.net so that I can find my real home.



Great Lakes Kitefliers Society 2016 Annual Picnic Fly

GLKS Members are invited to the Annual pot luck picnic fly.

Gratwick Park
Sunday, August 21st
Fly noon until 4:00 PM
Picnic 5:00 PM in the Shelter

Hamburgs, Hot Dogs, and
Condiments supplied

Members contribute to the pot luck dinner. You know
salads, pastas, desserts, your
own beverage, etc.

There will door prizes. The
theme this year is line laundry.



Ticket Raffle

Flying Friends: Here's something completely different -- People Socks -- with wide eyes, flapping arms, and huge, huge grins on their faces. We call them Flying Friends. But unlike our many other friends, these guys never grumble about being stuffed in a kite bag. This Friend is ten feet long.



TAKE SAFETY ON YOUR PICNIC

Picnicking is a special part of many summertime activities. If picnic foods are not handled safely, they can cause food borne illness. To prevent illness, take safety on your picnic.

Wash hands before handling food and use clean utensils and containers. Dirty hands, utensils, containers and any work surfaces can contaminate food with harmful bacteria and viruses.

Do not prepare foods more than one day before your picnic unless it is to be frozen. Cooking foods in advance allows for more opportunities for bacteria to grow. Cooked foods need to be rapidly cooled in shallow pans. Spread the food out in as many pans as is needed so that food is no more than two inches deep. Over 67% of reported cases of food borne illness are due to improper cooling. Frozen foods can be used if thawed in the refrigerator.

Mayonnaise-based foods need to be kept cold. Mayonnaise alone is too acidic for bacteria to grow in it. However, when mayonnaise is mixed with other foods (particularly those that have been handled a lot and/or are protein foods) bacteria can grow if this mixture is kept too warm.

Cut melons need to be kept cold. Many people do not realize that melons, such as watermelons and cantaloupe, can cause food borne illness. Bacteria, such as; *Salmonella* and *Shigella* (common causes of food borne illness), are often present on the rind. Therefore, wash melons thoroughly before cutting then promptly refrigerate cut pieces. Melons, unlike most other fruits, are not acidic and so can support the growth of harmful bacteria.

Pack for safety.

Keep cold food cold. Cold food must be kept at 40 F or colder to prevent bacterial growth. To do so, pack cold foods in a sturdy, insulated cooler with plenty of ice or frozen gel packs. Freeze your own blocks of ice in milk cartons or plastic containers for use in the cooler. Put cold foods in water-proof containers or wrap in plastic wrap or aluminum foil and completely immerse in the ice inside the cooler. If using frozen gel packs or containers of homemade ice, place them between packages of food. Never just set containers of food on top of ice.

The trunk of your car can reach temperatures of 150 F so it is best to transport coolers in the passenger area of the car. When you arrive at the picnic site, put a blanket over the cooler and place it in the shade to maintain cold temperatures. Keep the cooler closed until ready to use the contents.

Keep hot food hot. Hot foods must be kept at 140 F or hotter to prevent the growth of harmful bacteria. Take-out foods or foods cooked just before being transported to the picnic can be carried hot. Wrap hot food in towels, then newspaper, and place inside a box or heavy paper bag. Keep these foods warm on a lit grill or use within one hour.

Handling leftovers

Because most picnic leftovers have been sitting out for more than one hour and have had many people handling them, throw them out. The more time that food has been sitting at unsafe temperature, the more likely harmful bacteria has grown.

Cold foods kept in a cooler that still has ice may be safe. If the ice is melted, throw out the food. Cold water cannot keep foods cold enough to be safe.

Hint: Put salads in plastic bags on ice in your cooler and bring bowl to put in when serving. Don't forget to bring spoon or whatever you need to serve your food.

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