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UPCOMING EVENTS

University Club
Downtown Grand Rapids
Meetings begin at 12:15 p.m.
unless otherwise noted.

----- **We Serve** -----

Monday, December 5, Lions
Bowling League, Northfield
Lanes, 4:45 pm

**Tuesday, December 6, Program
to be Confirmed**

**Saturday, December 10, Meijer
Kids Shopping Event, 7:30 –
11:00 am**

Tuesday, December 12, Lions
Bowling League, Northfield
Lanes, 4:45 pm

**Tuesday, December 13,
Holiday Raffle Luncheon, Ryan
Smith & His Elves**

**Tuesday, December 13, Lions
Holiday Open House,
Blythefield Country Club, 6:30
pm (Recycling Center Closed)**

**Tuesdays, December 20 & 27,
NO Luncheon Meetings**

December 25, Merry Christmas!

December 27, No Eyeglass
Recycling

Challenge Funds for New Contributions: Grand Rapids Lions Club Foundation

For many of us, this is the time of the year for us to make yearend charitable donations. An anonymous donor has challenged Lions – all of us – to donate “new dollars” to the Lions Foundation. The donor will match these new donations: \$2 for \$1. This means for every new \$1 donation, the donor will match it with \$2, up to \$5,000. The deadline for this match is December 31, 2016.

New donations include:

- New donors who contribute by the deadline will the amount 2:1;
- For those who donated last year, any amount over the Lion's 2015 donation will be matched 2:1.

You can also join Carl's Fund. Carl's Fund was created to honor a generous member, Lions Carl Schowalter. Carl, who lived to 103 and attended our luncheon meetings until he died, left us with an endowment of \$100,000. To become a member of Carl's Club, you must donate \$400 a year to our Endowment Fund. Last year seventeen members donated. Over its twelve-year life, Carl's Fund has raised over \$57,200 . . . a gratifying amount!

Now is the time to consider your participation in donating to our Endowment Fund - - - for any amount. Please make your checks out to “Grand Rapids Community Foundation” in care of the Grand Rapids Lions Club. Preprinted envelopes are available at the meetings or from Lynn Francis.

This is a great challenge to make a new or larger donation, and consider joining this elite club, Carl's Fund. Please give it your consideration.

Lynn Francis
Foundation Chairperson

Lions Fundraiser for Lion Mike Lund

(Editor's Note: You likely received an email [or two] about this request. We repeat it here to make sure you know about it and will consider it.)

Grand Rapids Lions Club members all know Michael Luhn very well. Most often described as a man that would "give you the shirt off his back." Mike needs your help today.

Mike has spent his lifetime caring for the needs of others. First, as a loyal brother and son of parents who would eventually require his help as they aged and became ill. Then, as a devoted Dad to his fortunate children who never knew a father who said he "didn't have time" for them.

As an officer and past president of the Lions Club, he's donated his time and talent to providing vision related medical attention and eye care services to those less fortunate both in the U.S. and abroad. Mike faces a battle that his spirit and resolve cannot overcome alone. Ten years ago, he successfully fought off colon cancer. Five years ago, he defied the odds and did it again. Now, the cancer has returned near his spinal cord and his doctors say his best hope is a new procedure that isn't scheduled for Medicare and insurance approval until later in 2017. The problem is that Mike can't wait until later.

His doctors have scheduled him for this specialized laser surgery on January 8, 2017. After decades of seeing to the financial well-being and care of others—and paying for more expensive surgeries than I hope any of us ever have to endure—Mike finds himself in need of our financial help.

We have put together an online fundraiser on Generosity by Indiegogo as a convenient place for making donations. The link ... <https://igg.me/at/QQ8fed1U-sA>. Please ignore the "goal of \$3,400" as that was a placeholder as we were setting up the site, but we were unable to edit after the first contribution was made. Our real goal is about \$15,000.

Feel free to share this site on facebook and other social networks to get the word out. Thanks in advance for any help you can provide.

Friends of Mikey

Questions, please contact:

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Lions December Birthdays

Renee, Mika	December 1
Kyle, Travis	December 4
Edward, Kleinfeld	December 6
Lorna Powell	December 12
Raymonde Knapp	December 18
Tom Dandridge	December 21
Aaron Plafkin	December 30

Tuesday, December 6 Program to Be Confirmed

The program committee is trying to confirm a program for December 6 as this is being published.

Tuesday, December 13

Holiday Raffle Luncheon

With no meeting on Tuesday, December 22 this year, the Grand Rapids Lions Club will be holding our annual Holiday Raffle on Tuesday, December 13. Bring a prospective member or guest to show them how much fun we have, and extra cash to buy a lot of raffle tickets to increase your chances of getting a gift. Remember, the net proceeds go to our charities!

Lions Holiday Open House

You are invited to attend the **2016 Grand Rapids Lions Club Holiday Open House on Tuesday, December 13** beginning at 6:30 pm. The open house will be held **at Blythefield Country Club at the Golf Building**. Blythefield is at 5801 Northland Drive, Belmont. For those of you who have not been there previously, this is just north of the Grand River, up the hill and on the left (west).

The evening will be accompanied by Jack Kimmell at the piano. Heavy Hors D'oeuvre's will be served. There will be a cash bar. Lions Club members are no charge and guests will be \$25.00.

Please R.S.V.P. by December 7, 2016 (Reservations required) to Lion Craig Nobbelin by return email or at c.nobbelin@yahoo.com, or by calling 616-458-0471. Please indicate if you will be bringing your spouse, friend or even a prospective member – and their names.

Meijer Kids Holiday Shopping Event: December 10

The event is coming up THIS coming weekend! We help urban-city children in Grand Rapids (Saboath Ministries) or visually impaired children who qualify based upon financial need shop for holiday gifts of their families. The event this year will be held on Saturday morning, December 10, 2016, approximately from about 7:30 – 11:00 am.

We need volunteers for shopping on a one-to-one basis and possibly more for visually impaired children. These volunteers are our own members, spouses & guests and Grand Valley State University Campus Lions Club members. In addition, some drivers are needed to pick-up the kids from Saboath Ministries to take them to the Cascade Meijer store and return them home after the shopping excursion is finished. Parents with visually impaired kids are required to bring their children to Meijer in the morning, but our volunteers will drive them home after the event.

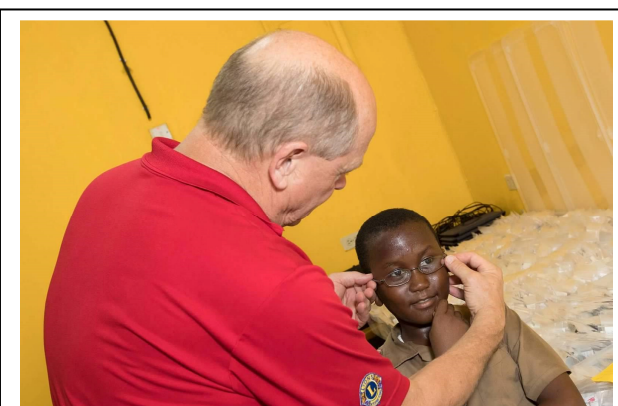
The kids are asked to come prepared with a list of family member's names, ages, and sizes to assist in choosing the items to be purchased. Each child is given a Meijer's gift card for their shopping. After the kids shop, the gifts are wrapped and name tags are placed on each gift.

In addition to the use of its conference room, Meijer generously donates a \$15 gift card per child within a total limit of \$1,000 for the event. The Grand Rapids Lions Club donates \$60 per child for a budget of \$75 per child to spend on their family members. At club luncheons, we have "passed the hat" for donations to supplement the fund from the club to maximize the numbers of kids that can be accommodated. (For each \$75 collected, an additional child is able to attend). *Donations can also be mailed into Jeff Kraai for those who are unable to attend the meetings. (2276 Old Dominion Ct. SE, Kentwood, MI 49508)*

This event rewards all who participate. If you have questions or wish to volunteer, please sign up at the meetings or contact Anne Baird (baird@surfree.com) 616-446-9496 or Mike Thibodeau (muthibodeau@gmail.com).

Jamaican Mission Trip, Revisited

On Saturday, November 12, 2016, a team of 12 Grand Rapids Lions Club members and spouses returned from a week-long vision mission trip to Ocho Rios, Jamaica. As reported in the last issue, the team was hosted by the ISSA Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to “provide a system of prevention, health promotion and education, community health improvement and other services to promote well-being and development for the people of Jamaica.” Lion Cheryl Anderson sent some photos to give you an idea of what they saw and did.



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