



GRAND RAPIDS LIONS CLUB

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Looking to keep up with Lions during the summer? There are some great resources right at your fingertips. Available 24/7 and many for free - these opportunities can help you keep up to date, enhance your skills and engage with Lions around the world.



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- **Virtual Events:**

- Online presentations from all over the world. Always updated and on a variety of topics this site offers free presentation to Lions members:

- <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/virtual-events-center/events>

- **Lions Clubs International Blog:**

- Here you can find the latest global stories featuring Lions from around the world helping others:

- <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/blog>

- **Lions University:**

- Offering free online courses to round out skills on leadership, motivation, conflict resolution and many more:

- <https://lionsuniversity.org/>

TREASURER'S REPORT 2019-2020

JEFF KRAAI, GRAND RAPIDS LIONS CLUB TREASURER

Update Report From Your Treasurer

Our year just ended June 30, 2020. This was the most unusual year I have ever seen since I have been treasurer. We had a 100th year celebration in Nov 2019 and by Mar 2020 we were shut down due to a pandemic. The following is a recap of the financial matters of our club.

The General Fund – this is the corporation we host our lunches and parties through. Dues are billed throughout the year based on a member's status. The fund had been running small monthly deficits. Then in March all meetings were cancelled and we ended up showing a surplus for the year. Members who pre-paid for lunches have been offered a voluntary discount in the new year. Our primary revenue is from dues and was around \$34,000 with some other small sources of income. Our primary expense is meals/parking at the U Club. Other costs are dues paid to International/Michigan along with wages to the Secretary, Treasurer & Editor. The carry forward balance in this fund is \$15,673.

The Charities Fund – this is the corporation we run all our fund raisers through such as the Blind Dinner Date (BDD), Drive for Vision (DFV) and the Used Eye Glass program. Our 2 largest fund-raisers, BDD & DFV have been postponed. We held the first Cars for a Cause last July and was successful because of the efforts of Pat & Deb Droste. We were able to again allocate annual amounts we receive from our funds held at the GR Community Foundation which was \$42,000. Total allocations to charities this year by our Lions Club was \$95,731 which was lower than the prior year by \$36,600 since our 2 big fund-raisers were postponed.

Our balance of funds held at the GR Community Foundation at one time was over \$1 million but was hit hard in the first part of 2020. The June 30, 2020 amount is not available yet but should have recovered to near the \$1 million dollar level. The amount of spendable funds for this year was \$42,000 and this helped us support various charities and is part of the \$95,731 allocation mentioned above.

Additional information is available for any member who requests it.

Jeff Kraai

LIONS OPPORTUNITIES TO ENGAGE AND ENJOY:

Future events that will have more details in the future include:

- Grand Rapids Lions Club Annual Meeting
 - Fall event - at this point details are being worked out.
- Drive for Vision - moved to the 3rd Monday in Sept (9/21/2020)
- Blind Dinner Date - rescheduling is being looked into
- White Cane (watch for updates for a possible date in the fall)

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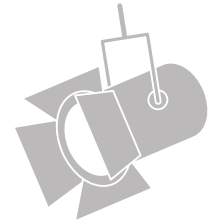
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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

HIGHLIGHTING A MEMBER OF THE GRAND RAPIDS LIONS CLUB



Name: MaryBeth Eyestone

Profession: I work in the WIC and Immunization Dept at the Kent County Health Department.

Years as a Lion: 3 years

Spouse: Shawn Eyestone

Q: What is your favorite thing about being a Lion?

- **MBE:** The friendliness and service-oriented attitude were what drew me to becoming a member. The friendships and continued focus on serving others and supporting our community keeps me coming back.

Q: If you were talking with someone considering being a Lion, what advice would you have to share?

- **MBE:** Be ready to make some new friends! Also, be ready for other members to ask you to help serve our community!

Q: When not at Lions, what do you like to do for fun?

- **MBE:** Being outside is my favorite place to be. If I'm hiking, biking, or using my new stand up paddleboard - I'm a happy girl! Traveling is a favorite as well. I've been all over this amazing country and also love Europe (Ireland is my favorite place in the whole wide world). I also love to read. On a good week, I can get through 2-3 books. It's my way to learn about other cultures, viewpoints, and escape reality for a bit!

DRIVE FOR VISION

SEPTEMBER 21 2020

Drive For Vision has been moved this year. Mark your calendars for Monday, Sept 21, 2020

With your participation, challenges caused by vision loss can be addressed. Your participation will help many people in our community whose lives are improved by the services of the Association for the Blind & Visually Impaired and the Grand Rapids Lions Club Vision Clinic at Cherry Health.

See sponsorship levels and learn more here:
<https://driveforvision.com/>



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LIONS: BE IN THE KNOW

DISTRICT 11-C1 NEWS

To find out more about news in our Lions Club District 11-C1 covering Lions in Allegan, Barry, Ionia, Kent, Muskegon, and Ottawa visit:

<http://www.lionsdistrict11c1.org/>



STATE LION NEWS

To find out more about news in our Michigan Lions visit:

<http://lionsofmi.com/lions-of-michigan-member/>



LIONS INTERNATIONAL



To find out more about news in Lions International visit:

<https://lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/lions-events-calendar>



Curious about eyeglass recycling locations around town?

We have the perfect "site" to restore your sight For an

interactive map visit:

<https://www.grandrapidslionsclub.org/glasses-drop-off/>

"Where there is no vision,
there is no hope."

— George Washington Carver

Happy Birthday!

KIM GARY 8/1

KRISTEN PLAFKIN 8/1

JANA KIM 8/5

MARK OBERLIN 8/7

STEPHANIE ANDERSON 8/12

GARY ANDERSON 8/15

BEN EAVEY 8/15

BOB WHITE 8/26

MARYBETH EYESTONE 8/31



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