



2021 THE START OF A FRESH YEAR!

Happy New Year fellow Lions!!!

Looking ahead January 2021 is right around the corner and we are looking forward to seeing everyone at our next meeting! Emails will be sent with login information and additional updates as we navigate the best ways to continue our fellowship and community involvement.

Upcoming for January 2021: January 12 2021 - ZOOM Meeting *ZOOM login information will come via email* January 26 2021 - Board Meeting

Should you have any questions you can reach out to: Club Secretary: Cheryl Anderson andersoc@gvsu.edu Newsletter Editor: John Rice johnriceonline@gmail.com





Need help with ZOOM?

ZOOM.US has a great online library of easy to follow quick start videos. You can learn more here: https://zoom.us/resources

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

HIGHLIGHTING A MEMBER OF THE GRAND RAPIDS LIONS CLUB



Name: Dr. Gary Anderson

Profession: Optometrist/Owner -

Anderson Eye Care **Years as a Lion:** 41

Spouse/family: Cheryl Anderson (Dog-Wrigley), children and spouses all Lions- Kristen and Aaron Plafkin, Erik and Stephanie Anderson, Carla and Rick Bolhuis. 7 future Lion grandchildren.

Do you hold positions within the club?

GA: Vice President. Was President in 1994-95. Served as District Governor and Council Chair in 2004-2005 and International Director for Lions International 2010-12.

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

• **GA:** Besides the great feeling of helping make a positive difference in someone's life through our hands-on service, I enjoy leading projects and activities where I can see others have that same great experience. Like on vision missions where our volunteers put glasses on someone for the first time and receive a big hug or a blessing from that patient who could not see well before their first glasses.

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

• **GA:** You will get so much more back than what you put in. The friendships, experiences and leadership training will positively impact all areas of your life. Personal, family and work.

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

• **GA:** Time spent with Cheryl, my three kids and their families doing ANYTHING. Running, biking, swimming, scuba diving, snow skiing, softball and following the Cubs. Bears and Bulls.

IN MEMORIAM:

Keith Crittenden's beloved wife, Clara Crittenden, passed away Wednesday, Dec 23, 2020. Clara was one of the charter members for the Grand Rapids Lioness Club. She was very active as a Lioness and active at Keith's side during GR Lion projects. Clara's obituary can be found in the Sunday GR Press and on Zaagman's website:

https://www.zaagman.com/obituaries/Clara-Anne-Crittenden?obId=19402687#/obituaryInfo

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.lionsdistrictllcl.org/





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



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We have the perfect "site" to restore your sight For an interactive map visit: https://www.grandrapidslionsclub.org/glasses-drop-off/

"Every time you tear a leaf off a calendar, you present a new place for new ideas."

- Charles Kettering

Hoppy Birthology! AARON PLAFKIN 12/30 RICHARD NELSON 1/4 JOHN RICE 1/4 COLLEEN MULDER 1/9 WAYNE BEUSCHEL 1/15 JOE ANNORENO 1/20 MARY VANDERLUGT 1/21 LYNN DANDRIDGE 1/24 DON JAKEL 1/31 MIKE THIBODEU 1/31 BOB WINCHESTER 1/31