



# GRAND RAPIDS LIONS CLUB

## *Nuda Veritas*

LATIN FOR THE "NAKED TRUTH"

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## JAN/FEB 2021

Below are the meeting times established for the remainder of January and all of February. Note at the time of the publishing of this newsletter, we are planning on 1st and 3rd Tuesday's being an in-person lunch at the University Club. Please watch your email for updates and login info as we navigate the best ways to continue our fellowship and community involvement.

**January 26 2021 - 12 NOON Board Meeting**

**February 2 2021 - 12 NOON IN-PERSON LUNCH MEETING UNIVERSITY CLUB.**

**\*\*You will need to RSVP by Friday Jan 29 to Cheryl if you are planning to attend  
andersoc@gvsu.edu\*\***

**February 9 2021 - ZOOM Social Meeting**

**\*ZOOM login information will come via email\***

**February 16 2021 - 12 NOON IN-PERSON LUNCH MEETING UNIVERSITY CLUB.**

**\*\*You will need to RSVP by Friday Feb 12 to Cheryl if you are planning to attend  
andersoc@gvsu.edu\*\***

**February 23 2021 - 12 NOON Board Meeting**



### 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:** Mike Thibodeau

**Profession:** Education - teacher & administrator - Fairbanks AK and Educational Specialist Michigan State University

**Years as a Lion:** 11

**Spouse/family:** Linda - wife and partner in life, Michael - Anchorage Alaska, Joanna - Ada Michigan, Robert - Lihue Kauai

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

- **MT:** My favorite thing about the Grand Rapids Lions Club is the opportunity to work with other members to improve the lives of others in our community.

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

- **MT:** My advice would be to get involved in the programs and activities of our Club. To find a project that they can work on and be open to the challenges of leadership if they have the time.

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

- **MT:** Linda and I spend time with our kids and grandchildren when possible. We also spend four to five months out of the year traveling and enjoying the natural beauty of our country.

## YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

With over 100+ years of history, the Grand Rapids Lions Club - your club - is one of the oldest Lions clubs in the world. To keep this wonderful history alive and continue in recording the legacy, the club is seeking a small number of Lions who can assist in digitizing our history and events as they happen and reviewing pictures and items from past events and helping to make them digital. Ensuring this history is not lost is vital and can be done at your own pace, and in the comfort of your own home.

Interested in learning more?

Email Club Secretary, Cheryl Anderson:  
andersoc@gvsu.edu



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# CONNECT WITH LIONS & GROW YOUR SKILLS



**LIONS UNIVERSITY**

- **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 Magazine Digital Version:**

- The full magazine with videos and in depth articles - all right online:

[Lions Digital Magazine Latest Edition](#)

- **Lions University:**

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

- <https://lionsuniversity.org/>

## 2021 USA/CANADA LIONS LEADERSHIP FORUM

SEPTEMBER 9-11 2021 DES MOINES, IOWA

Interested in meeting Lions from all over the US and Canada and grow your leadership skills set? Experience the 2021 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum September 9-11 in Des Moines, Iowa.

The USA/Canada Forum is touted as "the largest and best Lions Club Leadership training event in world." With 1000s of Lions in attendance, this fun environment offers over 70 seminars on various leadership topics to assist and develop Lions Clubs in the US and Canada.

Early Bird registration discounts and more info at: <https://lionsforum.org/>



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# WHO WAS MELVIN JONES?

FOUNDER OF LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL



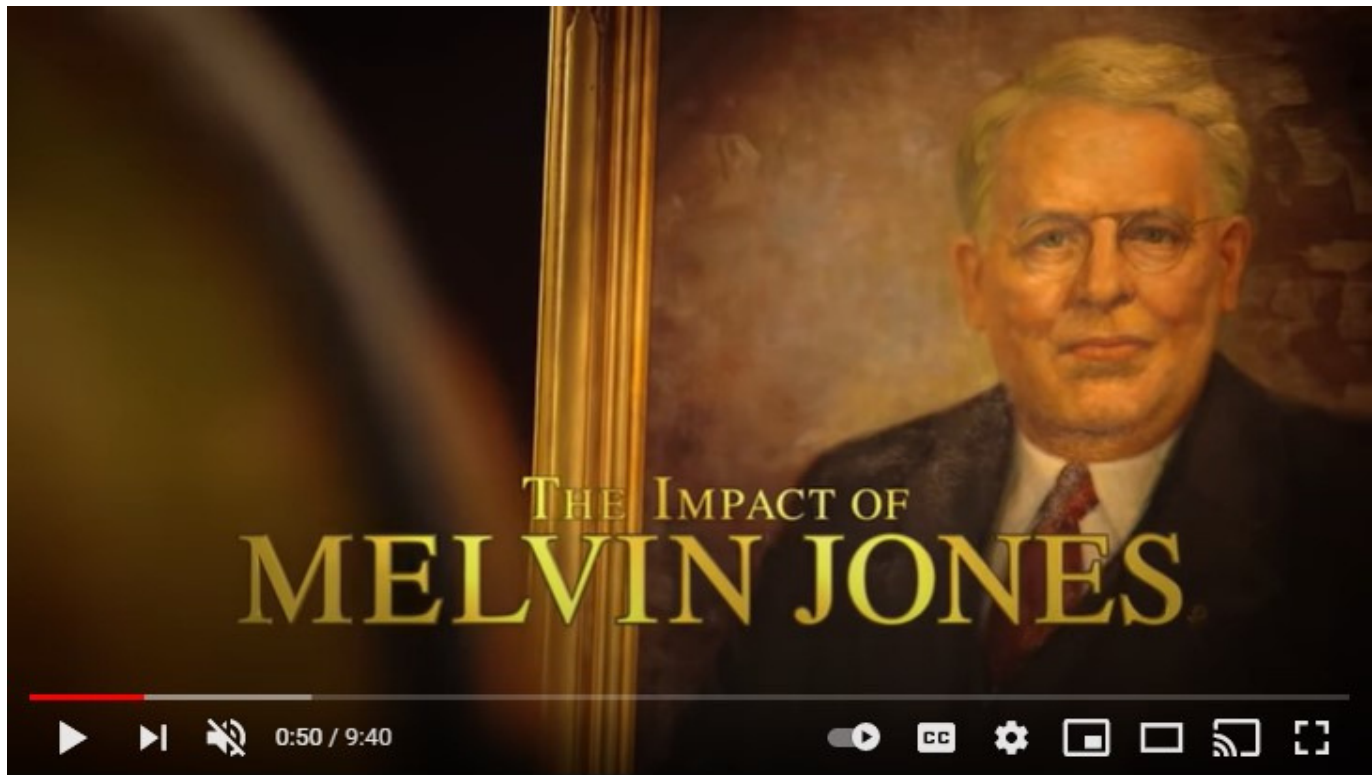
**Name:** Melvin Jones (January 13, 1879 – June 1, 1961)

**Profession:** Insurance Sales, Lions Clubs International Founder

**Years as a Lion:** 1917-1961

We hear the name Melvin Jones a lot in the club and at Lion functions; including an annual award that bears his name. How many of us really know that much about Melvin Jones and the history of Lions Clubs International?

Known as the father of all Lions Clubs, Melvin Jones had quite a history before founding the international humanitarian organization known today as Lions Clubs International. In celebration of his birthday January 13 1879, watch this wonderful video Lions Clubs International has assembled on Melvin Jones.



To watch the video you can click the above image or watch it on youtube:

<https://youtu.be/mETBeW4Y6lc>

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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/>



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/>

## 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>

"Live life to the fullest. You have to color outside the lines once in a while if you want to make your life a masterpiece. Laugh some every day. Keep growing, keep dreaming, keep following your heart.

The important thing is not to stop questioning."

— Albert Einstein

# Happy Birthday!

LYNN DANDRIDGE 1/24

DON JAKEL 1/31

MIKE THIBODEAU 1/31

BOB WINCHESTER 1/31

RANDALL HAMSTRA 2/18

MIKE MURPHY 2/22

DREW WESSELL 2/23



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