



# GRAND RAPIDS LIONS CLUB

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LATIN FOR THE "NAKED TRUTH"

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## FEB 2021

Wow, February already? The University club is now open. We had a wonderful meeting on February 2nd and 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.

### February 9 2021 - ZOOM Social Meeting

\*ZOOM login information will come via email\*

### February 16 2021 - ♥ WEAR RED! ♥ 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

# zoom



## QUESTIONS?

### 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>

# 2021 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE NOW VIRTUAL

JUNE 25-29 2021 - LOCATION: WHEREVER YOU ARE!

Recently Lions Clubs International sent out this message in regards to the upcoming 2021 International Conference:

"Due to the continuing concerns about the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, the board of directors voted to transition the 2021 Montreal Lions Clubs International Convention to a virtual event that will be delivered totally online. This decision was made with the health and safety of our Lions, staff and vendors in mind as limiting international travel and large gatherings is key to global containment strategies.

Here are some important details about the 2021 convention we would like to share with you now:

- Our 2021 convention will be a virtual event that's open to all Lions and Leos around the world.
- The registration fee will be US\$50 until March 31, then US\$75 beginning April 1. The registration fee for Leos will be US\$30 regardless of date. Convention is currently scheduled for June 25-29. Additional event and registration details will be provided soon.
- Lions who are currently registered for convention will receive an email soon with more information about their registration options.
- Executive officer and international director elections will be conducted electronically, and voting procedures will be forthcoming.
- Convention updates and details will be posted here at [lcicon.lionsclubs.org](https://lcicon.lionsclubs.org) as they become available.

This global health pandemic has forced us all to make decisions and changes that place health and safety first. However, we are optimistic that with each new day there is hope, and as Lions, we continue to find new ways to stay connected, safely serve our communities and continue our global mission of service."

Read more and sign up here: [lcicon.lionsclubs.org](https://lcicon.lionsclubs.org)

## 2021 USA/CANADA LIONS LEADERSHIP FORUM

SEPTEMBER 9-11 2021 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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# GRAND RAPIDS LIONS CLUB - A LOOK BACK

OUR GRAND RAPIDS LIONS CLUB HISTORY - MEMBER FOCUS



**Name:** Carl Schowalter (September 13, 1903 - August 24, 2005)

**Profession:** Owner, Kelly Shirt Company

**Years as a Lion: 1939-2005**

A humble shirt maker, he died at the age of 101, leaving our Endowment Fund \$100,000.

It's been 16 years since he left us in 2005, but a lot of us still remember him.

He was married twice for 25 years each and out lived both wives. He had no children. Some of us would pick Carl up at his home on the west side and take him out to lunch. He loved the Schintzelbonk and Big Boys. When ordering coffee, he would ask for a styrofoam cup. When he left, it was always filled with all the sugar and salt packets on the table. Very frugal, but he left over a million dollars to charity. I took him out to lunch one day and asked about our Lions endowment fund. He played hard of hearing and never give me a straight answer. That old fox! What great memories of a good Lion!

*Lynn Francis*

LION, LYNN FRANCIS

MEMBER HISTORY CONTRIBUTOR

Shortly after Carl passed away in 2005, this wonderful tribute was created:

<https://heritagelifestory.com/obituaries/carl-j-schowalter.7252>

## Grand Rapids Lions Club Foundation:

The Grand Rapids Community Foundation (GRCF) manages the Grand Rapids Lions Club Foundation for the Club. Each year GRCF distributes the fund earnings back to our club; usually about 5%. Our board of directors in turn distributes the money to our charities. Recently this has amounted to \$55,000 a year. With each passing year, the amount from this distribution grows and we are able to donate more funds to our key charities and other worthy causes which are consistent with our mission.



Soon after Carl's death in 2005, **Carl's Fund** was developed and ran for several years to receive contributions from Grand Rapids Lions Club members on an annual, sustained giving basis.

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# MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

HIGHLIGHTING A MEMBER OF THE GRAND RAPIDS LIONS CLUB

**Name:** Richard Nelson

**Profession:** Retired from the home health care business. Owner of Right at Home in home care & assistance

**Years as a Lion:** 11

**Spouse/family:** Married to Paula Nelson

**Do you hold positions within the club?**

I serve on the Drive for Vision committee

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

- **RN:** I enjoy being involved in the Club's community projects especially the kids Christmas shopping and the Drive for Vision.

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

- **RN:** Get involved in projects and attend meetings regularly.

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

- **RN:** Golf, reading, Hiking, caring for our dog.

## THE HELP OF 3 LIONS ARE 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 3 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. What a great way to help support the club!

Interested in learning more?

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

## UPCOMING VIRTUAL EVENTS

Lions Clubs International consistently hosts international seminars and discussions available to all lions members.

You can learn about the upcoming events here:

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



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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.grandrapidlionsclub.org/glasses-drop-off/>

"My humanity is bound up in yours,  
for we can only be human together."

—Desmond Tutu

# Happy Birthday!

**RANDALL HAMSTRA 2/18**

**MIKE MURPHY 2/22**

**DREW WESSELL 2/23**



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