



# GRAND RAPIDS LIONS CLUB

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## FEB/MARCH 2021

Did you hear? The University club is now open! That means we can meet in-person again! We have really enjoyed our February in-person meetings and are planning on 1st and 3rd Tuesday's being our much loved lunch meeting at the University Club. Please watch your email for updates on all of our fabulous events!

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

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

\*\*You will need to RSVP by Friday Feb 26 to Cheryl if you are planning to attend  
andersoc@gvsu.edu\*\*

### **March 9 2021 - ZOOM Social Meeting**

\*ZOOM login information will come via email\*

### **March 16 2021 - 12 NOON 🍀 WEAR GREEN 🍀 IN-PERSON LUNCH MEETING UNIVERSITY CLUB.**

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

### **March 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>

# MICHIGAN LIONS VIRTUAL FORUM

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 27, 2021 - VIRTUAL EVENT

Michigan Lions will be hosting a virtual forum on Feb 27 2021 starting at 9AM. The recent email from Michigan Lions states:

"Hear from Maggie's Wigs4Kids on ways to serve children suffering from cancer.

Listen to the success clubs have had by creating easy service projects aimed at benefiting those in their communities.

Watch how the Governor of MD11 E2 turned his "Covid-Hair" into a major fundraiser!"

Featuring five 20 minute break out sessions. A great way to enjoy wonderful information right from the comfort of your own home!

In order to receive the link for the event, you will need to register by **Feb 25 2021**.



**Registration deadline: Feb 25 2021.**

**To learn more and to register visit:**

**[www.lionsofmi.com](http://www.lionsofmi.com)**

## 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](mailto: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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# 2021 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION 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 Convention:

"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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# MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

HIGHLIGHTING A MEMBER OF THE GRAND RAPIDS LIONS CLUB

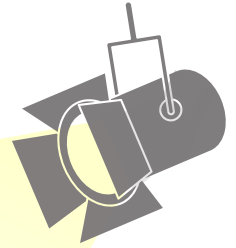


**Name:** Randy Hamstra

**Profession:** Vice President- Visual Entities Inc.

**Years as a Lion:** About 3 years.

**Spouse/family:** My wife, Joan and I have enjoyed countless days sailing on Lake Michigan. Although our children have grown and moved away our love for Michigan will never leave us. Our oldest daughter Katie and her family live in Minneapolis where she is a Teacher. Our other daughter Emily and her husband live in Seattle WA where she works as a Librarian. We are blessed with three wonderful grandchildren.



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

- **RH:** The friendship, fellowship and service.

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

- **RH:** Work at the warehouse sorting whenever you have the chance.

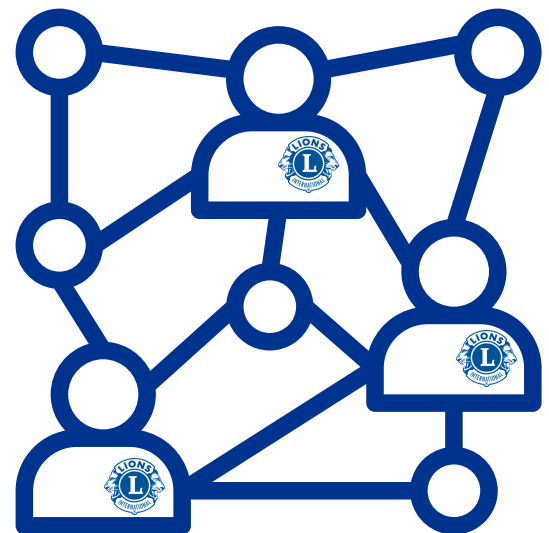
**Q: When not at Lions, what do you like to do for fun?**

- **RH:** Spending time on Lake Michigan.

## GR LIONS PRIDE GROUPS

OUR LIONS "FAMILY" TEAMS

In the wild, a "pride" is a group of 3+ lions that work together and function as a family. For our growing club, a small group is a great way for us to stay better connected. Lions Thaddeaus Phelps and Gary Anderson have created pride groups for our club. Each pride group is designed to allow for us to be able to share more with each other and check in on how things are going. What's going well? What do you need help with? A few members have agreed to step in and help initiate the communication. Expect a fellow member to reach out to you in the next 2 weeks or so simply to have a friendly conversation and touch base. A big thank you to Lions Thaddeaus Phelps and Gary Anderson for their hard work on this.



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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/>

"Resolve to be tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving, and tolerant of the weak and the wrong. Sometime in life you will have been all of these."

—George Washington Carver

# Happy Birthday!

**RANDALL HAMSTRA 2/18**

**MIKE MURPHY 2/22**

**DREW WESSELL 2/23**

**BOB YOUNGER 3/6**

**JAMES BAIRD 3/18**

**TONY ZOELLNER 3/20**

**ANN ZOELLNER 3/27**



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