



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!



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 <u>lcicon.lionsclubs.org</u> 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: <u>lcicon.lionsclubs.org</u>

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/



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

HIGHLIGHTING A MEMBER OF THE GRAND RAPIDS LIONS CLUB



Name: Jim Baird

Profession: Retired/Rehabilitation Teacher of Blind Adults (State of Michigan) teaching independent livings, vocational exploration, and modifications for employment for those with jobs in jeopardy.

Years as a Lion: I was a tag-along spouse for many years and joined as an official member 10 years ago.

Spouse/family: Anne Baird

Do you hold positions within the club?

Board Director

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

• **JB:** Participating in the charitable fundraiser activities along with my wife and I have been fortunate enough to be a part of several Mission trips.

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

• **JB:** It is an organization that gives back to the community with a goal of serving others and developing relationships with people you might never have had the opportunity to otherwise meet.

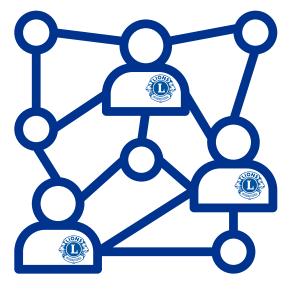
Q: When not at Lions, what do you like to do for fun?

• **JB:** I participate in many recreational activities as the seasons change like: golf, water sports, hunting. I never miss the opportunity to spend time with my grandchildren, especially as an active spectator at all of their events.

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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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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"Service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on Earth."

— Muhammad Ali



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