



JULY 2021

Welcome to the first newsletter of the new Grand Rapids Lions Club year. With out year running July-June each year - this is issue #1 for the 2021-2022 season.

July = summer fun, the Lions Family Picnic and more!

This summer we have some great events planned!

UPCOMING SUMMER EVENTS:

- JULY 19: **SUMMER PICNIC**
 - 6-8PM DETAILS ON THE NEXT PAGE
- AUGUST 4: ANNUAL MEETING
 - 6PM START TIME
 - CASCADE HILLS COUNTRY CLUB (OUTSIDE TENT)
 - DETAILS ON PAGE 3
- AUGUST 19: BLIND DINNER DATE
 - 6-9PM
 - ROANOAK FARMS
 - DETAILS ON THE NEXT PAGE

Summer Fronts

Happy

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BLIND DINNER DATE 2021

The Blind Dinner Date will be held this year on Thursday, August 19 2021, from 6-9PM at the Roanoke Ranch (11221 Grand River Dr, Lowell MI 49306.)

The night will feature a strolling venue filled with great appetizers, drinks, music, hayrides, and barnyard bales!

All funds raised through the Blind Dinner Date provide:

- Eye care to all ages through the Grand Rapids Lions Club Vision Clinic at Cherry Health, including children with special needs.
- Rehabilitation services for individuals in West Michigan with visual impairment or blindness through the Association for the Blind \$ Visually Impaired.

You can view the flyer, sponsorship levels and learn more here: <u>https://www.grandrapidslionsclub.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/UPDATED-</u> <u>BDD-sponsor-pkg-final-6.15.21.pdf</u>

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GRAND RAPIDS LIONS CLUB ANNUAL DINNER 2021

Joins us for the 2021 Grand Rapids Lions Club Annual Dinner!

- Date: Wednesday, August 4, 2021
- Time:
 - 6:00pm Social
 - 6:30 Dinner
 - After dinner Awards Presentation & Installation of Officers
- Place: Cascade Hills Country Club 3725 Cascade Road SE Grand Rapids, MI 49546
- Free to ALL members and their partners
- RSVP by July 26, 2021 to Cheryl Anderson (include ANY dietary needs)
 Email: andersoc@gvsu.edu, Text: 616-443-1995

View the online official invite here: <u>https://www.grandrapidslionsclub.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/Annual-</u> <u>Dinner-INVITE-2021.pdf</u>

UPDATE TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

Fellow lions - please extended a warm congratulations to our newest board members: Jason Brown and Dr Adam Carlson. Both of these directors will join our existing leadership team and will serve a 2 year term overseeing various aspects of club.

A heartfelt thank you to our outgoing board member: Kyle Travis and Boyd Griswold. Having both served 2 years on the board we greatly appreciate their leadership and dedication to the club!

The updated organization chart can be viewed here:

https://www.grandrapidslionsclub.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Lions-Club-2021-2022.pdf

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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

HIGHLIGHTING A MEMBER OF THE GRAND RAPIDS LIONS CLUB



Name: Rick Stevens

Profession: Currently: pensioner/community volunteer;
Retired Executive Director of the Association for the
Association for the Blind & Visually Impaired
Years as a Lion: 31 years.
Spouse/Family: Mary Stevens



Do you hold positions within the club?

• **RS:** Currently: volunteer with Blind Dinner Date and Drive for Vision; Past: President, Vice President, Director

What is your favorite thing about being a Lion?

• **RS:** The people. I enjoy the relationships that I've developed as a member.

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

• **RS:** Join for the mission. Stay for the people. It's a great group. Our project volunteers are the most dedicated volunteers that I've been privileged to work with.

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

• **RS:** Being a grandparent for the past 18 months has been fun! Also, enjoy time outdoors. I've taken to heart that "there is no bad weather, only bad clothing."

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.

Registration information and more at: <u>https://lionsforum.org/</u>



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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.lionsdistrictllcl.org/

STATE LION NEWS

To find out more about news in our Michigan Lions visit: <u>http://lionsofmi.com/lions-of-michigan-</u> member/

LIONS INTERNATIONAL 🚳

To find out more about news in Lions International visit: <u>https://lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/lions-</u> <u>events-calendar</u>



Curious about eyeglass recycling locations around town? We have the perfect "site" to restore your sight For an interactive map visit: <u>https://www.grandrapid</u> <u>slionsclub.org/glasses-</u> <u>drop-off/</u>

"Thousands of candles can be lighted from a single candle, and the life of the candle will not be shortened. Happiness never decreases by being shared."

– Buddha

Happy Birthday!

SHERAH EAVEY 7/1 BILL FLEETHAM 7/5 ROB LALLEY, JR 7/5 PAT MULLEN 7/6 CHERYL ANDERSON 7/9 SCOTT BRADY 7/18 ROBERT SNYDERS 7/18 CHRISTIAN CELENTINO 7/19 CRAIG NOBBELIN 7/20 RYAN SMITH 7/25 RICK STEVENS 7/25 SHAWN EYESTONE 7/29

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