



SEPTEMBER 2021

The lunches have started again! Join us at the University Club on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays each month AND this year we have a NEW addition each month: one of the Saturdays in between the lunches will be a club service project (the 2nd or 3rd Saturday depending on the month.) These are designed to be family friendly events, that will be a great way for us to continue to serve our community while having fun and getting to know each other better.

We have GREAT events coming up!!!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- SEPTEMBER 18: VOLUNTEER TOGETHER
 - 2-3:30PM ON SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 18TH
 - LOCATION: JOHNSON PARK SEE MAP
 - SEE FLYER ON PAGE 2
- SEPTEMBER 21: LUNCH MEETING AT THE UNIVERSITY CLUB.
 - RSVP TO CHERYL BY FRIDAY SEPT 17
- SEPTEMBER 28: EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

VOLUNTEER SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 18 2-3:30PM

The location of the September service project will be at Johnson Park, 2600 Wilson Ave SW, Walker MI, picnic area CI on Saturday, 9/18/21 from 2-3:30pm. We will decorate snack bags, share encouraging messages and family friendly recipes with the families of Ronald McDonald House. Remember to collect and bring your pop/beer can tabs! Bring friends and kids along, there is a playground nearby. Looking forward to getting together to serve our community!

RSVP to Lion Sherah Eavey via text 616-322-4668 or email sherah@eavey.com



RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE

SERVICE PROJECT

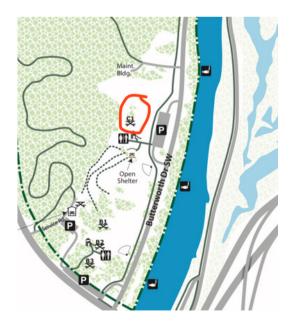
We'll decorate snack bags, share recipes and encouraging notes, and turn in pop can tabs to support the families of Ronald McDonald House.

saturday, sept. 18, 2-3:30pm Location: Johnson Park (see map)

Family Friendly Event. Stay tuned for COVID-19 safety precautions. Collect pop can tabs at home, church, school, work, or other locations in your community, then bring the tabs to the event. The money collected from recycling the tabs goes directly to the care and comfort of Ronald McDonald families.

Contact Lion Sherah Eavey with questions: sherah@eavey.com





Johnson Park: 2600 Wilson Ave SW, Walker, MI 49534 *Head to Picnic Area C-1*

NUDA VERITAS

THE "NAKED TRUTH" NEWSLETTER GRAND RAPIDS LIONS CLUB, WEBSITE: WWW.GRANDRAPIDSLIONSCLUB.ORG EDITOR: JOHN RICE 616-951-4663 OR E-MAIL: JOHNRICEONLINE@GMAIL.COM LIONS DISTRICT 11-C1: ALLEGAN, BARRY, IONIA, KENT, MUSKEGON, OTTAWA

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT IN MEMORIAM:

HIGHLIGHTING A MEMBER OF THE GRAND RAPIDS LIONS CLUB

Fellow Lions, Michael (Mike) Urban Thibodeau, of Ada, Michigan, died on August 28, 2021. We lost a great Lion that day. In honor of Mike, we are re-posting his Member spotlight from the January 25 2021 Newsletter. Originally, in January, as we sought information to feature Mike, he answered these and sent the below picture while on the beach in the Hawaiian Islands at Hanalei Bay, Kauai.



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.

You can read more about Mike's life and his obituary here:

https://obits.mlive.com/us/obituaries/grandrapids/name/michael-thibodeau-obituary?pid=199974521

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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/glassesdrop-off/</u>

"We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give."

– Winston Churchill

Happy Birthday!

JEAUNE ALLARD 9/10 MICHAEL SMALLEGAN 9/27 CARLA BOLHUIS 9/10 DAVID KLEIN 9/28 ADAM CARLSON 9/13 TOM MURPHY 9/28 SHELLEY IRWIN 9/23 JONSE YOUNG 9/29

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