



APRIL 2022

April showers bring May flowers and an opportunity to continue "the good" for the community!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- APRIL 16 CLUB SERVICE PROJECT, SATURDAY, APRIL 16, 2022
 SEE DETAILS ON PAGE 4. CONTACT SHERAH EAVEY
 TO SIGN UP P: 616-332-4668, E: SHERAH@EAVEY.COM
- APRIL 19 GUEST DAY/ OPEN HOUSE BRING A GUEST!
 LUNCH AT THE UNIVERSITY CLUB RSVP NEEDS TO BE TO CHERYL
 ANDERSON (ANDERSOC@GVSU.EDU) BY FRIDAY ARPIL 15 SEE DETAILS
 ON PAGE 2
- APRIL 26 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING



GRAND RAPIDS LIONS CLUB PRESENTS:

APRIL 19 2022 LUNCH & LEARN



LEARN HOW YOU CAN JOIN WITH US IN HELPING OUR COMMUNITY

Meet & greet club members, enjoy lunch, and learn about how together we can continue to help our community to be strong and thrive!

JOIN US APRIL 19 12:15PM-1:30PM University Club Grand Rapids 111 Lyon St NW # 1025, Grand Rapids, MI 49503

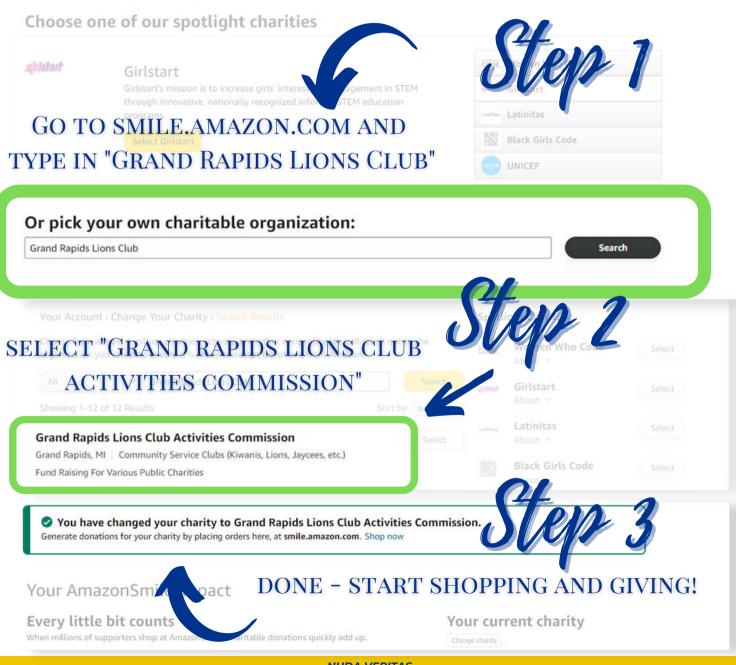
RSVP HERE:

https://www.grandrapidslionsclub.org/2022/03/09/april-19-2022-guest-day/



SHOP. CLICK. AND GR LIONS CLUB GET \$\$\$\$???

Did you know that with YOUR HELP, Amazon regularly donates to our club? Its true! To date we have received over \$543.92 dollars from the Amazon Smile program. How? By using smile.amazon.com you help direct donations to the GR Lions club. Amazon has setup this support of local non-profits without a cost to you. You can easily setup your account here: smile.amazon.com - if you are already a member on amazon you can use your existing account. To locate our club type in "Grand Rapids Lions" and up will come the "Grand Rapids Lions Club Activities Commission" - that's us! Select this and all of your future purchases as smile.amazon.com will be all set up! Below are a few screenshots of this or you can visit the amazon tutorial here: https://smile.amazon.com/b?ref = sma se smaf Ilm Im&node=15576745011



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CHOOSE YOUR DESTINATION RAFFLE: SUPPORT ABVI

The Association for the Blind and Visualy Impaired is offering its annual "Choose Your Destination" raffle. The four amazing destinations to choose from this year are:

- Boston, MA
- Nashville, TN
- Scottsdale. AZ
- · San Diego, CA



The prize includes roundtrip airfare for two as well as a 4-day/3-night hotel accommodation in the city of your choosing (packages are good for 18 months from the date of issue).

If you would like to purchase raffle tickets, please do so before the drawing date of June 10th.

Included is a ticket order form that you can fill out and mail back to ABVI at 456 Chery St, Grand Rapids, MI 49503, or you can contact Linda Zizos directly at (616) 458-1187 or email your form and credit card information to: linda.zizos@maryfreebed.com.

Raffle tickets are \$20 each (or you can get six tickets for \$100) and are available now for purchase. We can store your tickets at ABVI and drop your stubs into the Raffle Hopper and we will email your lucky ticket numbers to you, or you can pick them up at our office at 456 Cherry St. (raffle tickets cannot be mailed).

ABVI sincerely appreciates your support.

See FLYER HERE:

https://www.grandrapidslionsclub.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Choose-Your-Destination-2022-Information-About-Raffle-Tickets.pdf

CLUB SERVICE PROJECT DWELLING PLACE APRIL 16

The mission of The Dwelling Place is to create an affordable housing communities across West MI. Join your fellow Lions for this neighborhood revitalizing project. Plan on lightduty work including painting, cleaning and yard clean up. Together, we can support the mission to create homes where residents feel cared for, respected and uplifted. Contact Sherah Eavey to sign up. P: 616-332-4668. E: sherah@eavey.com

GENISIS EAST APARTMENTS | 4366 WALNUT HILLS DR SE, KENTWOOD 49512 Warning: you might end up with paint or dirt on your clothes, dress accordingly and bring work gloves and a water bottle VIEW THE FLYER HERE:

https://www.grandrapidslionsclub.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Dwelling-Place-April-2022.pdf

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BLIND DINNER DATE: SAVE THE DATE: AUG 11 2022

Save the date for August 11, 2022, 6-9PM for the Blind Dinner Date 2022! The outside venue was such a success last year that this year will be an outside event again! This year, attendees will be enjoying a marvelous evening under the glorious tree canopy of the Blandford Nature Center here in Grand Rapids. Please be watching for more details to attend or sponsor.

2022 DRIVE FOR VISION

Mark your calendars for Monday, June 20 2022 for the 35th Annual Grand Rapids Ophthalmology Drive for Vision Charity Golf Outing!

Monday, June 20, 2022 at Quail Ridge Golf Club

Lunch & Registration 11:30 am · Shotgun Start 1:00 pm Dinner & Prizes to Follow



Reach out to Kyle Travis, committee chair directly at travisk@stifel.com.

With your participation, challenges caused by vision loss can be addressed. Your participation will help many people in our community whose lives are improved by the services of the Association for the Blind & Visually Impaired and the Grand Rapids Lions Club Vision Clinic at Cherry Health.

See sponsorship levels and learn more at: https://driveforvision.com/



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT:

HIGHLIGHTING A MEMBER OF THE GRAND RAPIDS LIONS CLUB

Name: Jean Kraai

Profession: I'm retired now but I worked in the banking field for 10 years and then did accounting for two small businesses for 20 years **Years as a Lion:** I have been officially a Lion member for 12 years but unofficially for many more. I have been Jeff's "assistant treasurer" (bring deposits to the various banks) for as many years as he has been treasurer.



Spouse/family: Jeff Kraai, Jason, Anna and Zachary Kraai (son, daughter in law and grandson) and Jenna Zimmermann (daughter)... we also have a new little kitty named Luna.

Do you currently hold positions in the club?

Currently I am a member of the eyeglass committee. I also worked for a few years on the Blind Dinner Date committee.

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

• **JK:** I have two favorite thing about being a Lion...first, I enjoy going on eyeglass mission trips and seeing the difference we make in peoples lives by giving them a pair of glasses. The second favorite thing is all the great friendships made throughout the years being a member of our club.

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

• JK: If you are looking for an organization that serves others, it is time to join the Lions club.

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

• JK: Babysitting my almost 2 year old grandson!!

MEMBER UPDATES:

Fellow Lions: Have something new in your life you would like to share? We are looking to be sure that if you have something you would like the Grand Rapids Lions Club family to know about - please let us know. Examples might be:

- New additions and happening with your family: Kids, grandkids, pets etc, Marriages, Births
- Business Happenings, Awards, Career Updates
- New addresses if you have moved and would like to the club members to have your new address,
- Illness or reason you need some extra support we are here for you!!!

Yours in Lionism,





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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/





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/

"The earth laughs in flowers."

-Ralph Waldo Emerson

Happy Birthday!

APRIL:

MATT HULSWIT 4/2

SCOTT EMBREE 4/6

JEAN KRAAI 4/18

GAIL JUNOD 4/24

JACQUELINE SMART-PARRISH 4/24



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