



# GRAND RAPIDS LIONS CLUB

# *Nuda Veritas*

LATIN FOR THE "NAKED TRUTH"

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## MAY 2022

It would appear spring is finally here and along with it, several opportunities for us to gather, have fun and help the community!

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **MAY 11 - 1:00PM - JOIN US FOR A ZOOM MEETING FOR NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION. ANY MEMBER CAN ATTEND. RSVP TO JOHN RICE TO RECEIVE THE CODE AND LINK TO THE ZOOM MEETING: JOHNRICEONLINE@GMAIL.COM**
- **MAY 13 - VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY 8:30AM -12NOON GR LIOS IN THIS ANNUAL EVENT THAT MOBILIZES VOLUNTEERS TO RECOGNIZE THE SACRIFICE AND SERVICE OF OUR VETERANS AND ACTIVE MIITARY FAMILIES WITH A FOCUS ON SENIORS AND THOSE WITH DISABILITIES, HERE IN KENT COUNTY. MORE ON PAGE 4. CONTACT SHERAH EAVEY TO SIGN UP BY TUESDAY, MAY 10 SHERAH@EAVEY.COM OR 616-322-4668**
- **MAY 17 - LAST LUNCH OF THE YEAR! STUDENT APPRECIATION DAY. PLEASE RSVP AHEAD OF TIME - WE WANT LOTS OF LIONS TO BE HERE TO HONOR AND RECOGNIZE THESE OUTSTANDING STUDENTS :) RSVP TO CHERYL BY FRIDAY MAY 13 ANDERSOC@GVSU.EDU**
- **MAY 19-21, 2022 LIONS OF MICHIGAN MD11 CONVENTION AUBURN HILLS MARRIOTT, PONTIAC MI. LEARN MORE: [HTTPS://WWW.LIONSOFMI.COM/INDEX.PHP/MD11-STATE-CONVENTION-MAY-2022](https://www.lionsofmi.com/index.php/md11-state-convention-may-2022)**
- **MAY 24 - FULL BOARD MEETING**
- **JUNE 14 - ANNUAL DINNER - 6PM SOCIAL, 6:30PM DINNER WALLINWOOD SPRINGS GOLF COURSE | JENISON**

# CHOOSE YOUR DESTINATION RAFFLE: SUPPORT ABVI

The Association for the Blind and Visually 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](mailto: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>**

## 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!!!



Call or Text: 616-951-4663



Email: [JohnRiceOnline@gmail.com](mailto:JohnRiceOnline@gmail.com)

Yours in Lionism,

*John Rice*

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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

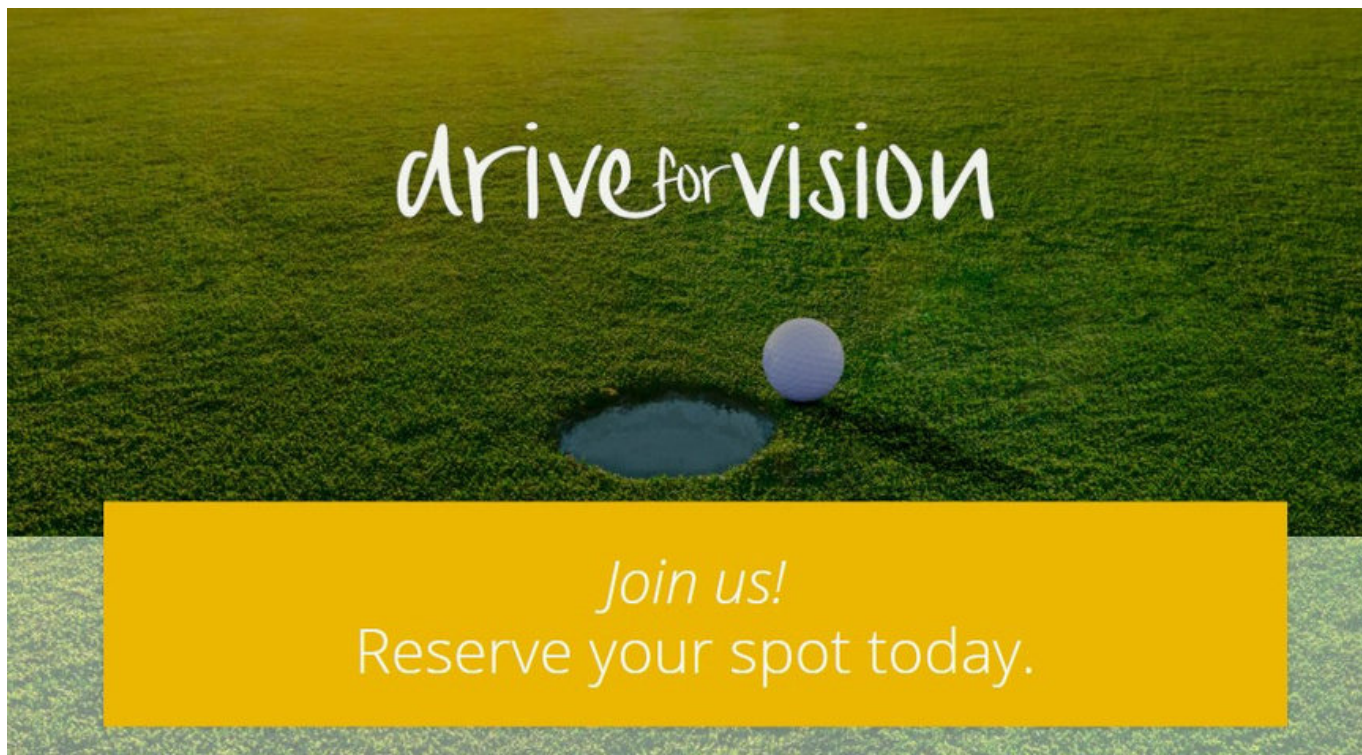
Dinner & Prizes to Follow

Reach out to Kyle Travis, committee chair directly at [travisk@stifel.com](mailto: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/>



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# MEMBER SPOTLIGHT:

HIGHLIGHTING A MEMBER OF THE GRAND RAPIDS LIONS CLUB



**Name:** Jeff Kraai

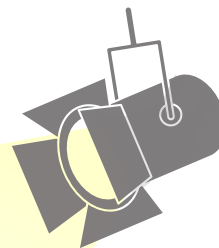
**Profession:** Retired CPA

**Years as a Lion:** 36

**Spouse/family:** Jean (wife), Jason (son), Anna (daughter in law), Jenna (daughter), Zach (grandson)

**Do you currently hold positions in the club?**

Treasurer.



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

- **JK:** Supporting organizations that assist blind people.

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

- **JK:** I have developed many friendships over the years that are wonderful.

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

- **JK:** Golf, travel and spending time with our grandson, Zach.

## MAY 13 SERVICE PROJECT- OPERATION UNITED

Please join your fellow GR Lions in this annual event that mobilizes volunteers to recognize the sacrifice and service of our veterans and active military families with a focus on seniors and those with disabilities, here in Kent County. Our group has been matched with a local veteran who needs support raking and removing leaves, trimming some large branches off her front pine tree and moving some rocks in her backyard.



Friday, May 13 8:30-12 PM

Arrive at 8:30 am with breakfast and a brief ceremony at the Walker Home Depot Parking lot (2726 Alpine Ave NW, Walker.)

We will meet the group leader at the home of our assigned veteran at 9:30 am and the address will be given at the time of sign up.

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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/>



Curious about eyeglass recycling locations around town?

We have the perfect "site" to restore your sight .... For an

interactive map visit:

<https://www.grandrapidlionsclub.org/glasses-drop-off/>

## STATE LION NEWS

To find out more about news in our Michigan Lions visit:

<http://lionsofmi.com/>



## LIONS INTERNATIONAL



To find out more about news in Lions International visit:

<https://lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/lions-events-calendar>

"As we work to create light for others,  
we naturally light our own way."

*–Mary Anne Radmacher*

# Happy Birthday!

**PAUL SULLIVAN 5/3**

**HARRY JONES 5/5**

**JIM KAISER 5/7**

**PAUL LYTIKAINEN 5/23**

**ED THAUER, JR 5/24**

**KATHY OBERLIN 5/27**

**JEFF KRAAI 5/28**

**ANNA CLIFFORD 5/30**



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