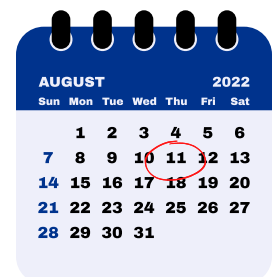


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- **AUGUST 11: BLIND DINNER DATE - SEE MORE INFORMATION ON PAGE 3**
- **SEPTEMBER 6: LUNCH MEETING AT THE UNIVERSITY CLUB DOWNTOWN**
 - **5/3 BLDG (TOP FLOOR) | 111 LYON ST NW | GRAND RAPIDS MI 49503**
 - **RSVP TO CHERYL BY 12 NOON FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 2, 2022.**
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 - **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:
[HTTPS://LIONSFORUM.ORG/](https://lionsforum.org/)**



NOTES FROM OUR PRESIDENT: DR GARY ANDERSON



This week, Special Olympics held the Unified Cup in Detroit, MI. This is the World Cup of soccer for Special Olympic athletes, held every four years just like the World Cup games. Teams from 28 countries competed for the Unified Cup final played on Sat. Aug. 6. Lions Clubs International has been a financial and volunteer supporter of Special Olympics for 25 years and this event was a very special opportunity for the Lions Of Michigan. Monday night, Lions Clubs International Foundation hosted 480 players and coaches to dinner and a cruise on the Detroit Princess Riverboat. The evening gave the athletes time to meet young people from other countries in a relaxed environment. The DJ playing "music" on the third deck had them dancing and rocking all night.

We found that several of the teams were sponsored by their Lions Clubs in their home country and were very happy to meet Lions from around the world. Wednesday, the rest day with no games played, the Lions of Michigan provided a lunch in the park for all the athletes and their families. Besides lunch, there were outdoor games to play and entertainment. Lions from across the state provided the volunteer hours and the funds for the luncheon. Lions International President Brian Sheehan's motto this year is "Together We Can" and we sure did on this project.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at our first meeting September 6, 2022.

Together We can,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gary Anderson".

Gary Anderson | President, Grand Rapids Lions Club 2022-2024
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BLIND

DINNER DATE

This
THURSDAY!**The Grand Rapids Lions Club is excited to present the
17th Annual Blind Dinner Date!**

Dear Fellow Lion,

Please join us on **Thursday, August 11, 2022 from 6:00pm to 9:00pm** at Blandford Nature Center (1715 Hillburn Ave NW, Grand Rapids, 49504) for a casual outdoor evening in a beautiful strolling venue filled with great appetizers, drinks, and music.

At the event, we will also publicly recognize the achievements of several area professionals who are dedicated to improving the lives of individuals with vision loss.

Did you know that 80% of the information we take in each day is processed through our eyes? Too often, and without thought, the ability to see is taken for granted.

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 (ABVI).

Please help with our mission – review the sponsorship opportunities and participation levels through the link below. For more information, please contact Ben Eavey, 2022 Blind Dinner Date Chair, at 616-719-9799 or ben@eavey.com.

To be included in the program, the form must be received by Monday, July 18, 2022.

Thank you for sharing our vision! We look forward to seeing you there!



Ben Eavey
President, Grand Rapids Lions Club



A Grand Rapids Lions Club Project

Click here for the online form for sponsorship and ticket information:

<https://www.grandrapidslionsclub.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/BDD-2022-Sponsor-letter-v4.pdf>

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UPDATE: JULY SERVICE PROJECT RECAP

GRAND RAPIDS LIONS CLUB EYEGLASS RECYCLING CENTER

On July 22 2022, Lions gathered at the Eyeglass Recycling Center to aid in washing glasses. Here is the report from our coordinator, Lion, Gail Junod:

"Incredible washing session at eyeglass today! Readers and Sunglasses. Will distribute next week to local charities. 5 Students from West Michigan Aviation Academy and 4 Lions.

The students were fabulous. Took initiative, washed, dried, refilled dirty water, kept loading more glasses into wash, cleaned up, loaded my car.

They were wonderful! And so were our Lions!"



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 (kids, grandkids, marriages,) Business Happenings, Awards, Career Updates, Illness or reason you need some extra support - we are here for you!!!

Yours in Lionism,



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HELPING AT THE UNIFIED CUP: A MD11 PROJECT

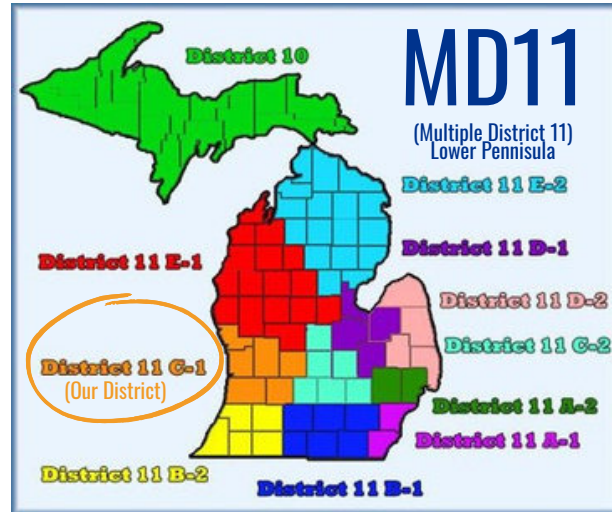
On August 2nd President Dr Gary and Secretary Cheryl Anderson joined several Lions clubs from MD11 in helping with the Unified Cup. Cheryl Anderson had this to share "Thank you Lions of MD11 for helping with the Special Olympics Unified Cup in Detroit Michigan. Monday night was a night out on the Detroit Princess Riverboat (sponsored by LCIF) where they were able to let loose, relax, dance and flirt with the other teams!! LCIF has been a sponsor of Special Olympics for 25 years. The two teams holding the Lion banner were sponsored by their home country Lions Clubs!!!! MD124-Romania & the other team Naniba. There were over 400 athletes along with their coaches/sponsors. Gary and I were so proud to be able to drive over and meet so many of the athletes. Good luck to all of them this week as they compete in Detroit.

FYI - 4 yrs ago this was held in Brazil"

You can learn more about the

Unified Cup here:

<https://www.specialolympics.org/unified-cup-2022>



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TREASURER'S REPORT FOR YEAR END 2021-2022

Update Report From Your Treasurer

Our year just ended June 30, 2022. The following is a recap of the financial matters of our club.

The General Fund – this is the corporation we host our lunches and parties through. Dues are billed throughout the year based on a member's status. The fund typically runs small monthly deficits. Our primary revenue is from dues and was around \$27,400 with some other small sources of income. Our primary expense is meals/parking at the U Club and came in at \$9,600. Other costs are dues paid to International/Michigan along with wages to the Secretary, Treasurer & Editor. The loss for the year was (\$4,250). The carryforward fund balance to next year is \$20,300.

The Charities Fund – this is the corporation we run all our fund raisers through such as the Blind Dinner Date (BDD), Drive for Vision (DFV) and the Used Eye Glass program. The BDD netted \$16,100 and the DFV netted \$23,100. We allocate the proceeds from these events to The Association for the Blind & Vision Impaired, Cherry Street Eye Glass Center and the GR Community Foundation.

We have funds held at Grand Rapids Community Foundation. The balance at March 31, 2022 was \$1,217,052. The spendable amount for the year was \$42,200.

We use this money to make grants to numerous vision/hearing charities. A separate list of the recipients was published in the NUDA in July 2022. The total amount of donations for the year from fund-raisers plus the foundation dollars was \$85,000.

Additional information is available for any member who requests it.



Jeff Kraai

Grand Rapids Lions Club Treasurer

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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

HIGHLIGHTING A MEMBER OF THE GRAND RAPIDS LIONS CLUB



Name: Bob Snyders

Profession: Currently Retired. My career was in Hospitality. I enjoyed 20 full years promoting Convention Sales with Experience Grand Rapids. Prior to this, I was in hotel management. One of the highlights is being a part of Grand Rapids & our club hosting the USA/Canada Leadership Forum (TWICE).

Years as a Lion: 19 years.

Spouse/Family: Celebrating this October, 24 wonderful years being married to Alice, and we live with our 3 year old Bernedoodle, Sully.

Do you hold positions within the club?

I was a former Membership Director/Board Member. Also have enjoyed being a part of several committees including the Club's 100th Anniversary Celebration

What is your favorite thing about being a Lion?

BS: Service to our Community! Over the 100+ years our Club has truly made an impact with financial and volunteer efforts. This makes me PROUD to be a member of the Grand Rapids Lions Club!

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

BS: PARTICIPATE and get Involved! It's difficult and takes time to volunteer for a service project or join a committee... however, the rewards are enormous!

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

BS: Since retiring we have enjoyed traveling... buying a motorhome (so Sully could go with us) has allowed us to visit many thrilling places from Alaska to Maine, from Canada to the Florida Keys. We also spending time with family... soon to welcome our 2nd GREAT Grandchild to this world - maybe a future Lions Member!

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/>



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>



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/>

"Summer afternoon—summer afternoon;
to me those have always been the
two most beautiful words in the English language."

— Henry James

Happy Birthday!

KIM GARY 8/1

KRISTEN PLAFKIN 8/1

JANA KIM 8/5

MARK OBERLIN 8/7

STEPHANIE ANDERSON 8/12

GARY ANDERSON 8/15

BEN EAVEY 8/15



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