



GRAND RAPIDS LIONS CLUB

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LATIN FOR THE "NAKED TRUTH"

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NOVEMBER 2022

We have many great opportunities to connect, give back and be thankful!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **NOVEMBER 8 - SERVICE PROJECT: VILLAGE WATER FILTERS 2 SHIFTS:**
 - 10 A.M. TO NOON AND 5 P.M. TO 7 P.M.
 - RSVP TO KELLY PHELPS AT KPHELPS1123@GMAIL.COM
- **NOVEMBER 15 - 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 NOVEMBER 11 2022.
- **NOVEMBER 22 - FULL BOARD MEETING**
- **DECEMBER 3 2022: MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR KIDS HOLIDAY SHOPPING**
 - SEE MORE ON PAGE 5
 - CONTACT: ANNE BAIRD | BAIRD@SURFEE.COM | 616-446-9496
- **DECEMBER 11 - MARK YOUR CALENDAR: HOLIDAY SOCIAL**
 - **WHERE: CLARK AT KELLER LAKE**
 - 2499 FOREST HILLS AVE SE, GRAND RAPIDS MI 49546
 - **TIME: 5PM-7PM**
 - **WHO IS INVITED: ALL MEMBERS + 1 GUEST ARE FREE FOR DINNER.**
(RSVP WITH DIETARY NEEDS)
 - THERE WILL BE A CASH BAR. (IF YOU WEAR HOLIDAY ATTIRE, THE FIRST DRINK IS FREE!!!)
 - **PLEASE RSVP ASAP!!! IF YOU THINK YOU WILL BE THERE, LET US KNOW NOW. WE NEED TO GUARANTEE THEM A NUMBER AND HOPING WE HIT THE NUMBER. RSVP TO CHERYL ANDERSON: ANDERSOC@GVSU.EDU**

NOTES FROM OUR PRESIDENT: DR GARY ANDERSON



Christmas shopping with the visually impaired and disadvantaged kids is in 4 short weeks. The more volunteers we have, the more children we can take. Please check your schedule for Sat. Dec.3 morning and contact Anne Baird to sign up.

Our Holiday Party on Sun. Dec. 11 at Clark on Keller Lake. 5-7 pm. Remember to wear your Holiday outfit. All members are free and one guest free with you.

First lunch meeting of the new year is Jan. 3. The speaker is Eric Winstrom, our new Grand Rapids Police Chief. This is a great opportunity to invite a guest to lunch and experience our Grand Rapids Lions Club.

Together We can,

Gary Anderson

Gary Anderson | President, Grand Rapids Lions Club 2022-2024
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VALUE OF THE LION PIN

Have you ever wondered why we wear Lions pins?



The Lions Pin is the direct use of our international emblem.

The Lions Club International emblem is just that - an emblem - not just a logo. The Oxford Reference defines the word emblem as

"A heraldic device or symbolic object as a distinctive badge of a nation, organization, or family." Think about that, the symbol of our family..... Our Lions emblem is designed to be our outwardly reflection of our proud Lion Pride.

With 1 lion facing boldly toward our future and 1 lion reflecting on our proud past. With over 48,000 clubs, in over 200 countries around the globe and 1.4 million members helping others and making communities better - the Lions emblem is easily recognized.

Wearing the pin beyond the walls of our club meeting often has a very positive response. Other Lions recognize it immediately. Non-Lions may have stories to share about how Lions helped them or simply ask "What is your pin for?" Providing great opportunity to talk about the great work Lions do across the globe and right here in our local community.

For 2022, reach for your Lions pin with pride and wear it proudly!

Wear the blue in 2022!



GR LIONS WEBSITE LOGIN TUTORIAL

UPDATING YOUR INFORMATION IN THE MEMBER DIRECTORY

Fellow Lions, we have a wonderful resource in our website: www.grandrapidslionsclub.org

A key component in using this tool is to keep this information up to date with each of our best contact information.

If you are unfamiliar with logging into the website, below is a link to a tutorial video:



Watch the video here:
https://youtu.be/5gF0n_O9Q9E

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HOLIDAY SHOPPING

SATURDAY DECEMBER 3 2022

Holiday Shopping - Volunteers needed for in person shopping on Saturday, December 3 2022.



Recently, Lion, Anne Baird, provided details on this great annual event:

Meijer generously donates a \$15 gift card per child within a total limit of \$1000 for the event. The Grand Rapids Lions Club donates \$85 per child (up to \$3000 for 40 children) to set a budget of \$100 per gift card for children to spend on their family members. "Pass the Hat" donations through collections at Lions luncheons assist in supplementing the cost of having additional children participate. For each \$100 collected, an additional child is able to attend.

- **WHAT:** The first shift is designated for the children with visual impairments and begins PROMPTLY at 7:15 a.m. The second shift begins at 8:30 a.m. for the Base Camp children who arrive with their staff. Wrapping of gifts and amount of time for shopping varies with each individual child, however, past experience has indicated that the event and activities are usually over with between 10:00 – 10:30 a.m.
- **When:** Saturday, Dec 3 2022 at 7:15am - 10:30 am.
- **Where:** Meijer on 28th & I-96 in Cascade.

Anne wrote an excellent full report on this project that you can view here:

<https://www.grandrapidslionsclub.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/Meijers-Kids-Holiday-Shopping-Event-Description-2022-1.pdf>

****Looking for at least 25 volunteers – 1 on 1.****

Contact:

Anne Baird

baird@surfree.com

616-446-9496

****Upon reaching out to Anne, Anne will confirm that you are on the list. Volunteers will receive an email 2-3 days prior to the event confirming all the information they need to know.****



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NOVEMBER SERVICE PROJECT: VILLAGE WATER FILTERS

Help solve the global water crisis! We're Building Bucket Filters!

TOMORROW

Family Friendly! Ages 4-104 are welcome.

Tuesday November 8 2022

2 Shifts: 10 a.m. to noon and 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

This low-cost filter is easy to assemble, last 10 years and changes lives by improving health, education and income with every glass.

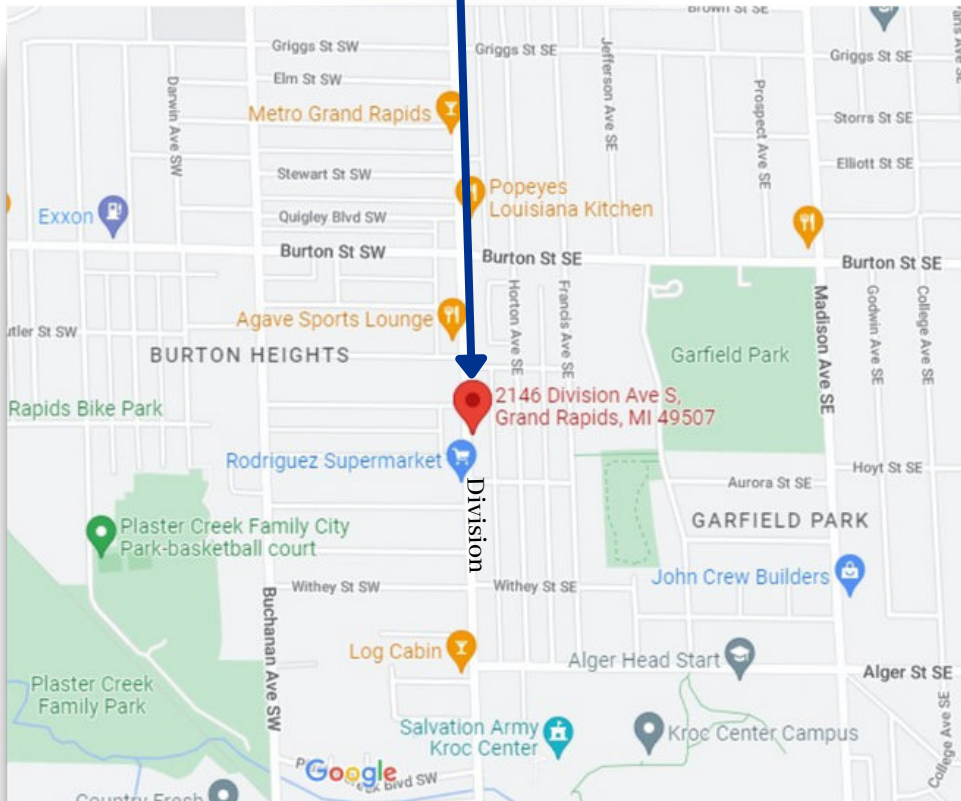
****WEAR COMFORTABLE CLOSE-TOED SHOES****

To RSVP please reach out to Kelly Phelps at: kphelps1123@gmail.com



VILLAGE WATER FILTERS

A Non Profit Corporation Providing Low-Cost Filters



LOCATION:
CONNECT BUILDING
2146 DIVISION AVE S
GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49507



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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

HIGHLIGHTING A MEMBER OF THE GRAND RAPIDS LIONS CLUB



Name: Don Jakel

Profession: Retired

Years as a Lion: 40 years (began Lions as a member of the Kalamazoo Downtown Lions Club)

Spouse/family: Diane

Do you hold positions within the club?

Past President and Past Board Member

What is your favorite thing about being a Lion?

DJ: The many opportunities our club provides to serve others in need. I especially enjoy the Annual Christmas Shopping event with the visually impaired and economically challenged kids which enables them to buy gifts for their families.

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

DJ: When lions serve those in our community we receive more satisfaction from our efforts than those receiving our assistance. I also enjoy the many friendships with our members.

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

DJ: I love to read history, current events as well as fiction. I compete on two Amateur Golf tours and play golf with several Lions members as well.

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: Did you buy or sell a business? Retire? Start a new company? Awards, Career Updates, Illness or reason you need some extra support - we are here for you!!! Reach out and we can place in an upcoming newsletter.



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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.grandrapidslionsclub.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>

"Wear gratitude like a cloak,
and it will feed every corner of your life."

— Rumi

Happy Birthday!

BRENT SPOELSTRA 11/3

LYNN FRANCIS 11/4

BOYD GRISWOLD 11/9

THADDEUS PHELPS 11/9

ERIK ANDERSON 11/10

RICK WALKER 11/14

RAY WEIDENFELLER 11/29



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