



GRAND RAPIDS LIONS CLUB

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NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2022

Wow! Almost December! Join us for some GREAT FUN this month!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **NOVEMBER 22 - FULL BOARD MEETING**
- **DECEMBER 3 2022: KIDS HOLIDAY SHOPPING**
 - SEE MORE ON PAGE 5
 - CONTACT: ANNE BAIRD | BAIRD@SURFEE.COM | 616-446-9496
- **DECEMBER 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 DECEMBER 2 2022.
- **DECEMBER 11 - HOLIDAY SOCIAL - (MORE ON PAGE 4)**
 - WHERE: CLARK AT KELLER LAKE
 - 2431 FOREST HILL AVE. SE. THIS IS THE MAIN ENTRANCE AND IS BLD #2. THE PARTY WILL BE JUST INSIDE THAT FRONT DOOR. THE MAIN DRIVE IS JUST ACROSS FROM THE CHURCH.
 - 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!!! RSVP TO CHERYL ANDERSON: ANDERSOC@GVSU.EDU
- **DECEMBER 20 - 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 DECEMBER 16 2022.

NOTES FROM OUR PRESIDENT: DR GARY ANDERSON



With great sadness I have to inform you of the passing of Lion Craig Nobbellin on Nov. 14.

Craig was a Grand Rapids Lion for over 40 years and truly lived the Lion's motto of We Serve.

From Co-Chairing our Grand Rapids Lions Summerfest Celebration on Monroe Mall in the early 80's, making pancakes for the Wings of Mercy, delivering food baskets at Thanksgiving to visually impaired families, to Club Secretary and Historian in his later years. Craig was an "old school" Lion who did not like being in front of the crowd, but was always serving, usually behind the scenes and always loving the camaraderie of the club. Obituary details are not finalized and will be forwarded to all.

Our deepest sympathies to wife Mei and daughter Chuke.

Craig, thank you for your years of service and your friendship.

Together We can,

Gary Anderson

Gary Anderson | President, Grand Rapids Lions Club 2022-2024
ga@andersoneye.com | cell: 616-460-2012



IN MEMORIAM:

In honor of the passing of Lion Craig Nobbellin. Craig, your gentle, quiet manner and all the years of steady support; you will be missed!

Lion since: 8/1/1982

Sponsored by: Gerry O'Bee

We will provide more details as they are announced.



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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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HOLIDAY PARTY: DECEMBER 11 2022

When: Sunday, December 11, 2022

Where: Clark at Keller Lake

- **2431 Forest Hill Ave. SE.**
 - This is the main entrance and is bld #2.
 - The party will be just inside that front door.
 - The main drive is just across from the church.
- **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!!!**
- **RSVP to Cheryl Anderson: andersoc@gvsu.edu**



Join your fellow Lion's for Hors D'oeuvres, beverages, and fellowship.

Lions Keith Crittenden, Lynn Francis, and Boyd Griswold have graciously made available the Dining room, bar area and front foyer to the brand-new Clark on Keller Lake! We had a lot of fun at this location last year so we are back!

Festive and all decked out in holiday decorations to go along with a pianist playing holiday music. Looking forward to seeing you and sharing a little holiday cheer.



HAPPY
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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

HIGHLIGHTING A MEMBER OF THE GRAND RAPIDS LIONS CLUB

Name: Michael Murphy

Profession: Vice-president/General Manager
- J.W. Messner Advertising

Years as a Lion: Became a Grand Rapids Lion in 1990

Do you hold positions within the club?

Served as President in 1996-97

What is your favorite thing about being a Lion?

MM: My two favorite things about being a Lion have been the opportunities to provide meaningful services to members of our West Michigan community and the many lifelong friends I have made from among the professional and business communities.

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

MM: Being a Grand Rapids Lion is rewarding in ways you can't imagine at the time you join. Your circle of friends will grow at the same rate your understanding and appreciation of our broader community will expand. There is no way you will fail to benefit from that.

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

MM: For relaxation, I travel, play golf, and read extensively.

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/>



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/>

"Kindness is like snow.
It beautifies everything it covers."

— Kahlil Gibran

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

RENEE MIKA 12/1

KYLE TRAVIS 12/4

EDDIE KLEINFELD 12/6

PAM VAN OVERLOOP 12/9

TOM DANDRIDGE 12/21

JIM SCHULYER 12/27

AARON PLAFKIN 12/30



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