



GRAND RAPIDS LIONS CLUB

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DECEMBER 2022

Hello Lions! May you finish 2022 strong and enjoy a Happy New Year!
Join us for some GREAT FUN this month!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **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.
- **DECEMBER 27 - LIONS BOARD MEETING**
- **JANUARY 1 - HAPPY NEW YEAR!**
- **JANUARY 3 - LUNCH MEETING AT THE UNIVERSITY CLUB DOWNTOWN -**
 - **BRINGING A GUEST!**
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NOTES FROM OUR PRESIDENT: DR GARY ANDERSON



January begins our 104th year of providing service to improve the health and well-being of those in our community. As we embark on 2023, think about who in your life would enjoy making a difference for those in need? Please consider inviting them to our next service project or our first in-person meeting of 2023, on Jan. 3.

GR Police Chief Eric Winstrom will be our speaker. His story is amazing.

Happy Holidays. Happy New Year.

Make a difference, be a Lion 😊

Together We can,

Gary Anderson

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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

Craig's obituary can be found here:
<https://obits.mlive.com/us/obituaries/grandrapids/name/craig-nobbellin-obituary?id=38216088>



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HOLIDAY SHOPPING: UPDATE

RECAP OF SATURDAY DECEMBER 3 2022



Total available:

Funds from Lions Club	2919.72
Meijer Grant	999.00
Last Year Card Balance	<u>318.36</u>
	4237.08

Expenditures:

Gift Cards Purchased	3600.00
Wrapping Paper	221.36
Breakfast items	<u>97.33</u>
	4147.12

Balance Left on Cards 89.96

The Fund Balance was due to using an MPerks code (\$301.43) Coupons (\$95.90) and Specials (\$1,116.31) resulting in a cost savings at the time of purchase. In addition, Meijer graciously gave each purchase transaction a tax exemption of 6% which collectively increased the kids buying power to often purchase beyond their \$100 limit, yet provide a surplus balance. A total of \$89.96 was the entire value of amount not used on the gift cards and will be rolled over next year.

Attendance:

A total of 35 kids were present together with 30 volunteers who attended the event. Most Grand Rapids Lions Club members. A few were referred through members and we welcomed Linda Thibodeau, her daughter, Joanna, and granddaughter, Wren, who volunteered to shop in memory of Mike Thibodeau, who was a big part of seeing this event happen each year.

Submitted by: The Kids Holiday Shopping Committee
Jim and Anne Baird and Don Jakel



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GRAND RAPIDS LIONS CLUB PRESENTS:

JANUARY 3 2023 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
JANUARY 3
12:15PM-1:30PM

University Club Grand Rapids
111 Lyon St NW # 1025,
Grand Rapids, MI 49503

RSVP HERE:

<https://www.grandrapidslionsclub.org/2022/12/07/january-3-2023-guest-day/>

SCAN THIS TO RSVP



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

HIGHLIGHTING A MEMBER OF THE GRAND RAPIDS LIONS CLUB



Name: Jeff Dodson

Profession: We have owned Dodson Payment Solutions for the past 20 years, we help small and large local businesses with their point of sale systems and credit card processing.

Years as a Lion: 30 Plus years I am guessing but it has been since I moved to Grand Rapids in my late 20's and I was involved as a kid in Ohio as my grandfather was very involved in Lions.

Spouse/family: Maggie (wife) for 25 plus years, Emma (daughter) just turned 22 and is in her last year at Hope and Zachary(son) turns 20 in a few weeks, just moved to Steamboat Colorado after chasing a hockey dream, now he is teaching skiing and coaching hockey.

What is your favorite thing about being a Lion?

JD: Enjoyed the Christmas Shopping with the kids.

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

JD: It is one of the best organizations to get involved with-great cause and an amazing group of people to get to know.

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

JD: Well I used to chase my kids all over the country playing sports-Emma played Field Hockey all over the Midwest and down south and Zachary played ice hockey as a goalie, he also played all over the country. Enjoy golf-and spending time on the lake when we are home.

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>

"Nature is full of genius, full of divinity;
so that not a snowflake escapes its fashioning hand."

— Henry David Thoreau

Happy Birthday!

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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