



# GRAND RAPIDS LIONS CLUB

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## DECEMBER 2022 / JANUARY 2023

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!!! START 2023 OFF RIGHT AND JOIN US AT THESE GREAT EVENTS:

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **DECEMBER 27 - LIONS BOARD MEETING**
- **JANUARY 1 - HAPPY NEW YEAR!**
- **JANUARY 3 - LUNCH MEETING AT THE UNIVERSITY CLUB DOWNTOWN -**
  - **BRINGING A GUEST!**
  - **5/3 BLDG (TOP FLOOR) | 111 LYON ST NW | GRAND RAPIDS MI 49503**
  - **RSVP TO CHERYL BY 12 NOON FRIDAY DECEMBER 30 2022.**
- **JANUARY 17 - 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 JANUARY 13 2023.**
- **JANUARY 25 - SERVICE PROJECT WITH KIDS FOOD BASKET**
  - **12PM TO 2 PM**
  - **RSVP TO KELLY PHELPS**
    - **EMAIL SUBJECT: "LIONS SERVICE PROJECT"**
    - **TKPHELPS@CHARTER.NET OR KPHELPS1123@GMAIL.COM**
    - **ALSO PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING NECESSARY VOLUNTEER FORM: [REGISTRATION LINK](#)**

# NOTES FROM OUR PRESIDENT: DR GARY ANDERSON



As we finish the 2022 year, I want to thank everyone who worked so hard to make a difference for those in need in our community. Our two fundraisers, the Drive for Vision and the Blind Dinner Date have helped us to provide much needed funding to The Grand Rapids Lions Vision Clinic at Cherry Health and to ABVI. These funds make a great difference in providing vision care services to those that cannot afford them. Continued monthly service projects like assembling water filters, packing food boxes and Christmas Shopping with the underprivileged kids has given us the hands-on opportunities of serving those in need. Thank you to all that organized and served.



This January, I will be contacting every Grand Rapids Lions member personally. I will be asking what you love about our club and what you would like to "fix". I will also be looking for what YOUR personal passion is and what else you may like our club to provide as social and service opportunities for members and families.

Please think of someone who would enjoy our Lions experience and invite them to an event.  
 "Together We Can.....Make a Difference"  
 Blessings for safe and healthy holidays as we look forward to an exciting 2023.

In Service and Friendship,

Gary Anderson

President, Grand Rapids Lions Club 2022-2024  
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# LIONS COURTESY DRIVERS NEEDED

The Lions Courtesy Shopping is a service that provides transportation for doctor appointments and grocery shopping assistance to those that are blind or sight impaired. Our clients are referred to us by ABVI.

Due to some schedule changes more volunteers are needed!

How it works -

1. Request received from ABVI for a transport
2. Email is sent out to all members of the Google Group that notes the client name/address/phone number, destination, date/time of transport need.
3. You decide if you can handle that request
4. If you can, you reply to the email indicating so.



**\*\*Its not a commitment until you see a request that fits your schedule.\*\***

In addition to the ABVI transport requests, we drive a vision impaired gentleman in Rockford to/from dialysis, 3 times per week. We use a SignUpGenius for this and it's looking like **January has many openings left** on it.

**\*\*Anyone who can help - please let Kathy know.\*\***

Email: Kathyoberlin@yahoo.com

# CONNECT WITH LIONS & GROW YOUR SKILLS



- **Virtual Events:**

- Online videos from all over the world. Always updated and on a variety of topics this site offers free presentation to Lions members:
  - <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/explore-our-clubs/current-activities>

- **Lions Clubs International Blog:**

- Here you can find the latest global stories featuring Lions from around the world helping others:
  - <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/blog>

- **Lions Magazine Digital Version:**

- The full magazine with videos and in depth articles - all right online - plus you can read past issues! : [Lions Digital Magazine Latest Edition](#)

- **Lions University:**

- Offering free online courses to round out and improve skills on leadership, motivation, conflict resolution and many more:
  - <https://lionsuniversity.org/>



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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:** Mike Smallegan

**Profession:** Realtor - Team Leader

**Years as a Lion:** 1.5

**Spouse/family:** Hannah, My sons Collin (21) Tryson (13) and my twin daughters Adalynn & Baylee (10) and our golden doodle Stella

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

**MS:** Connecting with new people.

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

**MS:** Get out of your comfort zone and talk to people you don't know.

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

**MS:** Hockey, Lego Robotics & Michigan Football.

## 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/>

"Tomorrow is the first blank page of a 365-page book.  
Write a good one."

— Brad Paisley

# 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

RICHARD NELSON 1/4

JOHN RICE 1/4

COLLEEN MULDER 1/9

MELVIN JONES 1/13/1879\*

JOE ANNORENO 1/20

LYNN DANDRIDGE 1/24

DON JAKEL 1/31

BOB WINCHESTER 1/31



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