



# GRAND RAPIDS LIONS CLUB

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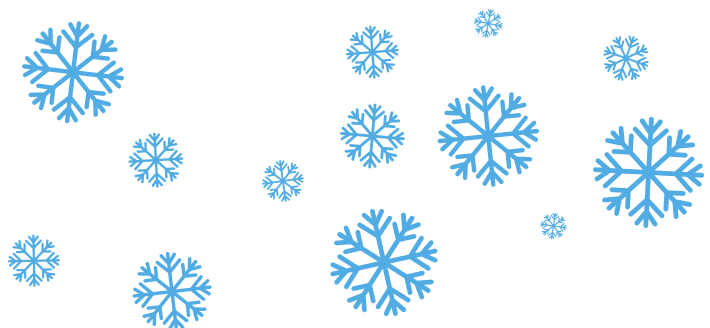
## JANUARY 2023

Welcome to 2023! What a great year this is going to be!!! Join us at some of these phenomenal upcoming events!

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **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 24 - FULL BOARD MEETING**
- **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](#)**

# *Hello January!*



# NOTES FROM OUR PRESIDENT: DR GARY ANDERSON



Happy New Year 2023. As a proud member of the oldest Lions Club in the lower peninsula of Michigan, I am asking each member to be part of our movement to promote Lionism in Grand Rapids, making a difference for the lives of those in need.

How can we each do that ?

Wear your Lions pin EVERY day. Above your heart on your left side.

Why ? Someone will ask you what the pin is for.

Your response ? Lions Club.

They will ask, what is Lions Club ?

**ANSWER: 1.5 million men and women worldwide, that volunteer to help make a difference in the lives of those in need in our community.**



Think of that sentence as your "elevator speech". What you would tell someone you spent 15 seconds in an elevator with, that asked you about your pin.

Next message, we will work on inviting someone to share your great experiences being a Lion.

In the meantime, memorize the sentence, wear your pin.

I have small, not obtrusive Lions pins. If you need one, ask me when you see me. My gift to you.

"Together We Can"

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

Gary Anderson

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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.

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

Email: [Kathyoberlin@yahoo.com](mailto: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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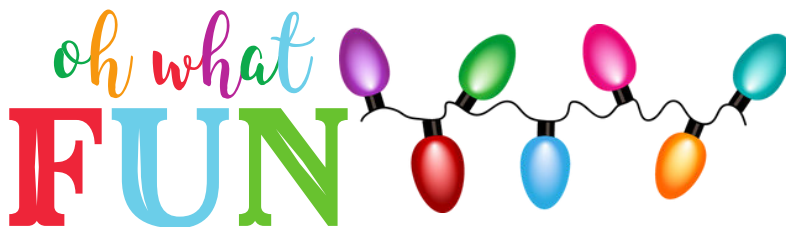
## 2022 HOLIDAY PARTY RECAP

On December 11 2022, we gathered together to celebrate the holidays and enjoy each others company as we rounded out 2022 and welcomed in 2023.

This year's celebration location was Clark at Keller Lake.

Club secretary, Cheryl Anderson, has assembled the following selection of pictures to help us preserve the memory of the evening. View the pictures here:

<https://www.grandrapidslionsclub.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/Holiday-Social.pdf>



## LIONS OF MI LEADERSHIP LOGO CONTEST

Cheryl Anderson recently shared the following information from the Lions of Michigan Leadership Institute:

The Lions of MI Leadership Institute is excited to announce a Logo Contest for the Institute that is open to all Lions and Leos of the state of Michigan!

Lions of Michigan Leadership Institute Logo Contest. A FABULOUS opportunity for Lions and Leos. Contest rules:

Must include "Lions of Michigan Leadership Institute" or "Michigan Leadership Institute"

- Must include Lion logo or word "Lions"
- Maximum two colors lionsclubs.org has four logo choices. These are the official logos and the only ones that will be accepted.
- Two in two colors - two in black and white. Make your artwork match
- Submission if made by mail MUST be POSTMARKED by 2/28/2023.
- LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED
- Submission made by e-mail must be dated 2/28/2023 by 11:00pm.
- Submission in both forms must be submitted to:

Lion Kimberly Thiede  
31335 Summer Lane West  
Fraser, MI 48026  
wingslover16@comcast.net

Any questions please contact Lion Kimberly at the above e-mail or by phone at 586-567-3287.

Judging will be done by the Lions of Michigan Leadership team. The winning entry will receive a free registration to the Leadership Institute. If the winner has already attended Leadership Institute or is a Leo the award will be \$250.00.

Get your creative juices flowing and submit your idea!!!



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# MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

HIGHLIGHTING A MEMBER OF THE GRAND RAPIDS LIONS CLUB



**Name:** Bill Fleetham

**Profession:** Optician retired.

**Years as a Lion:** 18

**Spouse/family:** Bonnie

**Do you hold positions within the club?**

Past Board Member and served several years on the Drive for Vision Committee.

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

**BF:** Service work and doing mission trips.

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

**BF:** If you enjoy volunteer work and fellowship this is a great place to belong.

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

**BF:** Golf and spending time with my new grandson.

## FOUNDATION UPDATE:

Crain Nobblin was a loyal member of the club for many years. He served as Secretary of the club until the time when his health would not permit him to attend meetings. Craig passed away recently. His memorial will be held in a few months from now when relatives are able to assemble. We have been informed that he has left our foundation a generous gift. Blessing to him for his many years of service. His donation to the foundation will help the club carry on it's obligations to the community for years into the future.

- Lion, Lynn Francis

## 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>

"I think in terms of the day's resolutions,  
not the year's."

- Henry Moore

*Happy Birthday!*

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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