



# GRAND RAPIDS LIONS CLUB

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## FEBRUARY 2023

Join us for these upcoming great opportunities!

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- FEBRUARY 14 - HAPPY VALENTINE' DAY! 
- FEBRUARY 21 - LUNCH MEETING AT THE UNIVERSITY CLUB DOWNTOWN -  
**\*\*\*WEAR RED!!!!\*\*** ♥ & OUR LIONS PIN!!  
5/3 BLDG (TOP FLOOR) | 111 LYON ST NW | GRAND RAPIDS  
RSVP TO CHERYL BY 12 NOON FRIDAY FEB 17 2023.  
**\*\*A HUGE ADDITIONAL HELP FOR GRACE'S TABLE WOULD BE DIAPER DONATIONS! PLEASE BRING A PACKAGE OF DIAPERS TO THE NEXT LION'S LUNCHEON MEETING ON 2/21. SIZES NEEDED RANGE FROM NEWBORN UP TO PULL-UPS OF ANY SIZE.\*\***
- FEBRUARY 21 - 5:15 PM - 7:00 PM SERVICE PROJECT WITH GRACE'S TABLE
  - RSVP TO KELLY PHELPS
    - EMAIL SUBJECT: "LIONS SERVICE PROJECT"
    - TKPHELPS@CHARTER.NET OR KPHELPS1123@GMAIL.COM
    - SEE MORE ON PAGE 4
- FEBRUARY 28 - FULL BOARD MEETING



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## JOIN US!

WE SERVE!

# NOTES FROM OUR PRESIDENT: DR GARY ANDERSON



In our experience as International Director, Cheryl and I have met amazing Lions around the state, country and world and enjoyed so many experiences that we would never been a part of outside of our Grand Rapids Lions Club. One of these unique events is happening in our own backyard.

**The Rockford Lions Annual Chili Cook-Off and Auction.  
Thursday Feb. 23, 2023 6-9PM  
11115 Northland Dr. NE  
Rockford, MI 49341**

We would enter a GR Lions chili cooking team or we could enter as individuals with our own "special recipe. If you don't want to cook and compete, you can just attend, sample the chili's, beverages, raffles and enjoy the comradery. Rockford Lions are great, crazy bunch. There is no cost to attend.

Cheryl and I will be there and I would love to have a contingent from our Grand Rapids Lions Club in attendance. Kids and grandkids are welcome if you would like to make it a family Lions affair.

Reservations are not required, but we would like an approximate idea of our group size and if you are planning on cooking and competing.

**Send Cheryl a note of your intent:  
[info@grandrapidslionsclub.org](mailto:info@grandrapidslionsclub.org)**

Remember to wear your Lions pin.

"Together We Can"

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.

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

Email: Kathyoberlin@yahoo.com



## LIONS OF MI LEADERSHIP LOGO CONTEST

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

The Lions of Michigan 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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# FEBRUARY SERVICE PROJECT: GRACE'S TABLE

WHEN: Tuesday, February 21, 2023 5:15 PM - 7:00 PM

WHERE: Grace's Table | 835 Richmond St NW Grand Rapids, MI

Grace's Table is a non-profit organization assisting teen moms by finding resources, teaching life skills, and providing access to mental health services. Grace's Table believes teen mothers deserve hope, mentorship, and hospitality. Meal time can be a beautiful gift to families, so gathering at Grace's Table is an investment in the community, growing families, and their futures.

We Lions can help by providing food and serving a meal at Grace's! The table will be seating around 20 people, and the meal should include five core categories:

- Protein
- Fruits
- Vegetables
- Bottled Water
- Sweet Treats!



RSVP: PLEASE RSVP to Kelly Phelps:

- email subject: "Lions Service Project"
- tkphelps@charter.net or Kphelps1123@gmail.com

\*\*A huge additional help for Grace's Table would be diaper donations! Please bring a package of diapers to the next Lion's luncheon meeting on 2/21. Sizes needed range from newborn up to pull-ups of any size.\*\*

# JANUARY SERVICE PROJECT REPORT: KFB

Kelly Phelps recently shared the following report on the volunteer time at Kids Food Basket (KFB) on Jan 24 2023:

"A mighty group of 15 volunteers cut & bagged over 1 1/2 pallets of oranges. While cutting there was a lot of fellowship and laughter."

Check out the pictures in the link:



<https://www.grandrapidslionsclub.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/GR-Lions-jan-2023-Service-Kids-Foodbasket.pdf>

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# THE CLUB DIGEST: LIONS INTERNATIONAL

The monthly Lions Club Digest is a great tool to stay on top of current Lions events. This arrives monthly via email from Lions Clubs International. This month a few of the entries are:

## **International Childhood Cancer Day Is February 15**

Join Lions around the world as we work to support children and families affected by childhood cancer. Learn how Lions and Leos are making a difference and get ideas for how your club can serve this important cause. [LEARN MORE](#)

## **Increase Your Coaching Skills**

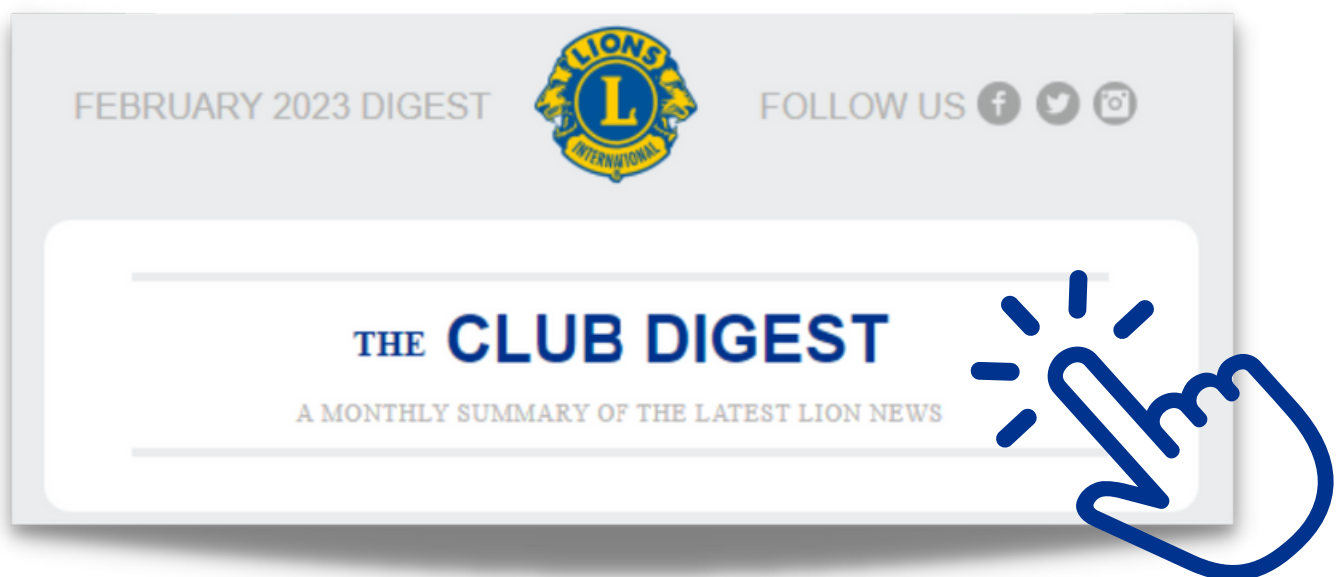
Your experience as a Lion or Leo can empower others to accomplish their goals. Complete the coaching course in the Lions Learning Center (LLC) using your Lion Account login credentials and obtain effective strategies to help Lions and Leos build strong relationships and achieve their goals. [GET STARTED](#)

## **You're Invited to the Lions Golf World Cup**

Join LCIF Chairperson Douglas X. Alexander at the 9th Lions Golf World Cup. This is one of several Lion-led fundraisers happening in 2023, including Tell-A-Thon 3.0 on June 4. One hundred percent of proceeds from both events will be donated to support Lions' service through LCIF grants. [LEARN MORE](#)

Watch your email each month for this great information. For this month's email you can view more online here:

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# MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

HIGHLIGHTING A MEMBER OF THE GRAND RAPIDS LIONS CLUB



**Name:** John Rice

**Profession:** REALTOR | Associate Broker with Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Michigan Real Estate

**Years as a Lion:** 20 years this year.

**Spouse/family:** 3 of us and our dog. My wife, Ashley, our daughter and our pup, Gus.

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

I like to help where needed :) Right now I serve as the Membership Director, Newsletter Editor, and am on the Drive For Vision committee.

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

**JR:** As a club we do SO much! I am amazed at the giving of time, talent, and treasure of those in this club. You all are a constant inspiration!

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

**JR:** To a perspective member: What are you doing for lunch Tuesday? (When they respond they are available) Oh good! Join me for lunch!

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

**JR:** As a family we LOVE to be outside exploring nature or at a museum; playing tourist in this great state and nation! We especially love all things historical: think Greenfield Village, Smithsonian etc :) Golfing, reading, or in the water - we love the beach!

## 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.grandrapidlionsclub.org/glasses-drop-off/>

"The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched — they must be felt with the heart."

—Helen Keller

*Happy Birthday!*

**RANDALL HAMSTRA 2/18**

**MIKE MURPHY 2/22**

**DREW WESSELL 2/23**



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