



# GRAND RAPIDS LIONS CLUB

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LATIN FOR THE "NAKED TRUTH"

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## APRIL 2023

April brings OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE! Read below:

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **APRIL 11: EYEGLOSS CENTER WORK DAY**
  - **2 SHIFTS:**
    - **12:30PM-2:30PM**
    - **5:30PM-7:30PM**
  - **COME TO WORK AS WE ARE STOCKING UP OUR SUPPLY FOR OUR MISSION TRIPS!**
- **APRIL 15: 9AM-12NOON BUILD A BUILD VOLUNTEER DAY**
  - **READ MORE ON PAGE 3**
- **APRIL 18 LUNCH: STUDENT RECOGNITION DAY**
  - **EARLY START! 12NOON!**
  - **RSVP TO CHERYL BY FRIDAY APRIL 14 12NOON**
- **APRIL 22: CRAIG NOBBELIN'S MEMORIAL SERVICE**
  - **10AM-2PM**
  - **FOUNTAIN STREET CHURCH**
    - **24 FOUNTAIN ST NE | GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49503**

### ON THE HORIZON:

- **MAY 18-20, 2023 STATE/MD 11 CONVENTION**
  - **VANDYK MORTGAGE CENTER, MUSKEGON**
  - **LEARN MORE HERE:**  
[HTTPS://WWW.LIONSOFMI.COM/INDEX.PHP/MD11CONVENTION-23/MD11-STATE-CONVENTION-MAY-2023](https://www.lionsofmi.com/index.php/md11convention-23/md11-state-convention-may-2023)
  - **AND DISTRICT 11-CI: YOU NEED TO REGISTER FOR BOTH TO ATTEND BOTH:**
    - **FORM TO FOLLOW VIA EMAIL. WATCH FOR THIS SOON.**
- **JUNE 6 - ANNUAL DINNER - WALLINWOOD SPRINGS GOLF CLUB**
- **JUNE 19 - DRIVE FOR VISION**
  - **NOW ACCEPTING SPONSORSHIPS FOR 2023!**
  - **LEARN MORE: [DRIVEFORVISION.COM/](http://DRIVEFORVISION.COM/)**



# NOTES FROM OUR PRESIDENT: DR GARY ANDERSON



I am hoping for a great turnout from our Grand Rapids Lions Club members at

**Craig Nobbelin's  
Celebration of Life service  
Saturday April 22  
10am to Noon  
Fountain Street Church,  
24 Fountain St. NE  
Grand Rapids MI.**

Craig was a 40 year member of our club and lived Lionism every day. ***\*Remember to wear your Lions pin.\****



We have a great opportunity to help children in Grand Rapids that have no bed to sleep in.

This Saturday, **April 15, 9:00am to Noon, at Wood Tech in Byron Center, we will be partnering with Sleep in Heavenly Peace to build 60 wooden beds for these children.** Thank you to Brent Spoelstra, Rick Walker and Rick Stevens for co-chairing this project.

If you haven't signed up yet, please respond to the link that Cheryl has sent out for volunteering (contact e: Brent Spoelstra [bespoelstra@yahoo.com](mailto:bespoelstra@yahoo.com) P: 616-283-0260).

All tools and safety glasses will be provided. We just need your smiling faces there.

"Together We Can"

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## BUILD-A-BED: APRIL 15 9AM-12NOON

Fellow Lions, below is a letter from Lion Brent Spoelstra, Rick Walker and Rick Stevens, covering this incredible need:

On March 7, 2023, our guest speaker at the Lions luncheon was our own District Governor Diane Wehby. Among other things, she spoke to us about a great opportunity to help the children of our Grand Rapids community. A non-profit organization called "Sleep in Heavenly Peace" (SHP) provides single beds and bunk beds for children ages 3-17 who otherwise might be sleeping on the floor.

**There is an inspirational video about them on their website, <http://www.shpbeds.org>**

They build the beds from donated lumber, provide donated bedding (mattresses, sheets, blankets, and pillows), and deliver and set up the beds at the recipient's home. SHP enlists help from community organizations like us to accomplish their mission.

There are a number of SHP Chapters in western Michigan that hold "Builds" where volunteers perform tasks turning raw lumber into beds. These "Build" sessions last approximately 3 hours and produce, depending on volunteer turnout, dozens of beds ready for delivery to needy recipients. The tasks do not require special skills. Our Governor, Diane, said that "if (she) could do it anybody can." There will be a number of Builds taking place in the next couple months.

### **Our Grand Rapids Lions Club has committed to helping this cause.**

As such, we are looking for volunteers who are willing to donate several of their weekend hours to construct these beds. All tools are provided. The work is done in an assembly line fashion, so attention to the task is required, lest the process falters. **Our first opportunity to help will be on Saturday, April 15 from 9:00 am to noon.** The indoor site is in the greater GR area. The coordinators are looking for 35-40 volunteers from our Lion District. Can our club step up? This is a good opportunity to invite your friends and family (adults) to our club activities. We're looking for 20 or more participants from our club.

Please contact us if you are willing to participate in this project. We will provide more details when they become available. While this project isn't necessarily "vision" related, the community benefits greatly from it. And isn't this what the Lions are about? "We Serve"

The "Build-a-Bed" committee:





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# MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

HIGHLIGHTING A MEMBER OF THE GRAND RAPIDS LIONS CLUB



**Name: Anna Goddard**

**Profession:** I am the director of Cherry Health Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Cherry Health.

**Years as a Lion:** 7 years +/-

**Spouse/family:**

I have a 9-year-old pug named Norman. I have also had my dad's 12-year-old collie, Shelby.

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

Past board member.

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

**AG:** Working with other Lions on the fundraising events that help bolster the missions of our charity partners.

**What are the top 3 words that come to mind when you think of Lionism?**

**AG:** Volunteerism, fellowship, international.

**Name your favorite movie, book, board game or all three:**

**AG:** So many great options in all three categories! My first thought is a board game, such as Clue that I wanted to play with family at my paternal grandparents' home when I was a child. I enjoy the experience of playing with others. Winning is fun, of course, but the time together, the laughs are really the most important.

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

**AG:** Time with family and friends who are like family doing almost anything whether it's just going out for dinner, a game night, seeing a comedy show, or going on a travel adventure. I enjoy a myriad of things including time at home alone.

**What is a "secret" skill you have no one knows about?**

**AG:** I find typos even in published works. It's a blessing and a curse.

**Where is your favorite place to travel?**

**AG:** My favorite travel memory was to France in 1991. It was grand from my 12-year-old perspective. I have no idea how my mom afforded it, but I'm glad she did. We made countless core memories.

I miss Tuscan Express! Their bruschetta, Spaghetti ai Gamberi, and chocolate tart with fresh raspberries made the perfect meal.

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# LIONS ROAR!: MEMBER UPDATE SECTION

Fellow Lions: Have something new in your life you would like to share? Time to shout it out! 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.



 Call or Text: 616-951-4663

 Email: [JohnRiceOnline@gmail.com](mailto:JohnRiceOnline@gmail.com)

## EYEGGLASS RECYCLING CENTER WORK SESSION APRIL 11:

Recently, Secretary Cheryl Anderson shared via email that the Eyeglass Recycling Center will be open Tuesday, April 11, 2023 for 2 shifts:

- 12:30pm-2:30pm
- 5:30pm-7:30pm

Come to work as we are stocking up our supply for our mission trips!

Future openings of the eyeglass recycling center will be announced at a later date!

Studio 616 building at 4060 29th St SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49512 [LINK TO MAP](#)



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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 on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/115990828419557>



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/>

## 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>

“A gush of bird-song, a patter of dew  
A cloud, and a rainbow’s warning  
Suddenly sunshine and perfect blue  
An April day in the morning.”

— Harriet Prescott Spofford

# Happy Birthday!

JEFF DODSON 4/7

JEAN KRAAI 4/18

JACQUELINE SMART-PARRISH 4/24

GAIL JUNOD 4/24



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