



GRAND RAPIDS LIONS CLUB

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APRIL/MAY 2023

April brings OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE! Read below:

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **APRIL 25: EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING: 12:15PM**
- **APRIL 25: EYEGLASS RECYCLING CENTER IS NOW OPEN EVERY TUESDAY**
 - **5:30-7:30 PM: STUDIO 616 BUILDING AT 4060 29TH ST SE**
- **MAY 2: LUNCH MEETING AT THE UNIVERSITY CLUB DOWNTOWN**
 - **5/3 BLDG (TOP FLOOR) | 111 LYON ST NW | GRAND RAPIDS**
 - **RSVP TO CHERYL BY FRIDAY APRIL 28 12NOON**
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 - **RSVP TO CHERYL BY FRIDAY MAY 12 12NOON**
- **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-C1: YOU NEED TO REGISTER FOR BOTH TO ATTEND BOTH:**
 - **SEE PAGE 2 GARY'S "PRESIDENT'S NOTES" FOR MORE INFORMATION**
- **JUNE 6 - ANNUAL DINNER - WALLINWOOD SPRINGS GOLF CLUB**
- **JUNE 19 - DRIVE FOR VISION**
 - **NOW ACCEPTING SPONSORSHIPS FOR 2023!**
 - **LEARN MORE: DRIVEFORVISION.COM/**



NOTES FROM OUR PRESIDENT: DR GARY ANDERSON



A big thank you to Brent Spoelstra, Rick Walker and Rick Stevens for heading our build-a-bed team last Saturday. Working with Sleep in Heavenly Peace, a local all volunteer non-profit, dedicated to furnishing beds for children in West Michigan that don't have a bed to sleep in. 60 beds built in 3 hours. A new record. You will hear more of the opportunity to help deliver these beds to the children that need them.

Please plan to attend our District Convention in Muskegon on May 20, 2023. Our convention is being held "within" the Lions of Michigan State Convention which starts on Thursday May 18 at 6:00pm with a picnic on the USS LST 393. \$15 cost for the picnic includes a tour of the LST. A great event to bring the family to.

Our District Convention on Saturday starts with a taco bar lunch at the Van Dyke Mortgage Center, followed by the Lions parade at 2:00pm and our convention meeting at 3:00 pm. Immediate Past Lions International President Douglas Alexander is the guest speaker for the weekend and will be at our 3:00pm meeting to meet all of you. Our District Convention cost is \$25 which includes lunch and registration. Our Grand Rapids Club will pay this cost if you will attend.

Please look for notices from Secretary Cheryl about both events. It is in our backyard and a great opportunity to meet Lions from all over the state and our Immediate Past President.

Together We Can...**and WILL!**

Gary Anderson

President, Grand Rapids Lions Club 2022-2024

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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

HIGHLIGHTING A MEMBER OF THE GRAND RAPIDS LIONS CLUB



Name: Edwin Thauer

Profession: Licensed Life Insurance Counselor

Years as a Lion: 25 years +

Spouse/family:

Karen, three married daughters and 10 grandchildren

Do you hold positions within the club?

Past President.

What is your favorite thing about being a Lion? OR a favorite memory you would like to share.

ET: Serving our community with so many wonderful people. I was honored to serve as President during our 100th Anniversary year.

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

ET: Service, Community, Connection.

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

ET: Lord of the rings trilogy were and are the best ever, I have read all of the Jack Reacher books, Scrabble is my game.

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

ET: I love to travel, golf, and read books.

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

ET: I really do know the Bible as I have been an avid student of God's Word my whole adult life! Most years have been an active member of at least 2 Bible Studies weekly.

Where is your favorite place to travel? What is the top place on your travel bucket list? Favorite meal and/or restaurant?

ET: As a golfer Bandon Dunes with my bride Switzerland (I did live and work there the summer and fall after my senior year in High School). I would love to go back to Israel that is on my bucket list. Favorite restaurant is Nona's on Ada

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.



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APRIL UPDATE: VILLAGE WATER FILTERS

Fellow Lions heeding the call! Village Water Filters had an urgent need to ship 4000 filters in 1 month. Lions Kelly and Thaddeus Phelps helped out, Saturday, April 22 from 2:00-5:00 PM. See the pictures below of our hard working GR Lions, Thad and Kelly Phelps:



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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>

“Every day is a new opportunity. You can build on yesterday’s success or put its failures behind and start over again. That’s the way life is, with a new game every day...”

— *Bullet Bob Feller*

Happy Birthday!

JEFF DODSON 4/7

JEAN KRAAI 4/18

JACQUELINE SMART-PARRISH 4/24

GAIL JUNOD 4/24

PAUL SULLIVAN 5/3

HARRY JONES 5/5

JIM KAISER 5/7

ED THAUER, JR 5/24

KATHY OBERLIN 5/27

JEFF KRAAI 5/28

ANNA GODDARD 5/30



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