



GRAND RAPIDS LIONS CLUB

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Grand Rapids Lions Club District 11-C-1



MAY 2023

May and June events below - great opportunities for fellowship and support!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **MAY 16: LUNCH MEETING AT THE UNIVERSITY CLUB DOWNTOWN**
 - 5/3 BLDG (TOP FLOOR) | 111 LYON ST NW | GRAND RAPIDS
 - 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



Our District Convention on Saturday May 20, 2023 starts at noon with a taco bar lunch at the Van Dyke Mortgage Center in Muskegon followed by the Lions parade at 2:00pm. Our convention meeting at 3:00 pm will feature our Immediate Past Lions International President Douglas Alexander who is the guest speaker for the weekend and will be at our 3:00pm meeting to meet all of you. There will be voting for our incoming District leadership and a presentation from the Sleep In Heavenly Peace organization that we partnered with to build 60 beds for children in Grand Rapids that did not have a bed to sleep in. There will also be a short memorial service for Lions in the District that have passed and a presentation of awards for Lions that have exemplified extraordinary leadership and service.

This is a great opportunity to meet Lions from our area, state and our Past International President. The event will be over by 5:00pm.

Our District Convention cost is \$25 which includes lunch and registration. Our Grand Rapids Club will pay this cost if you will attend. **Please RSVP to Cheryl at andersoc@gvsu.edu if you plan to attend.** She will register you.

Our convention is being held in conjunction with the Lions of Michigan MSD-11 State Convention, which runs from **Thursday night, with a picnic at 6:00pm on the USS LST 393 in Muskegon and tours of the ship.** You can drive over Thursday with the family and enjoy the tours and picnic for \$15. **RSVP to Cheryl, andersoc@gvsu.edu.** The MD-11 Convention continues on Friday with all kinds of educational sessions, a Lions Got Talent Show Friday night and the convention culminating with the banquet Saturday night featuring the presentation of Past President Douglas Alexander. Easy to attend all of the weekend without incurring hotel costs. It's a 40 minute drive from Grand Rapids. Look for more info from Cheryl.

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

Gary Anderson

President, Grand Rapids Lions Club 2022-2024
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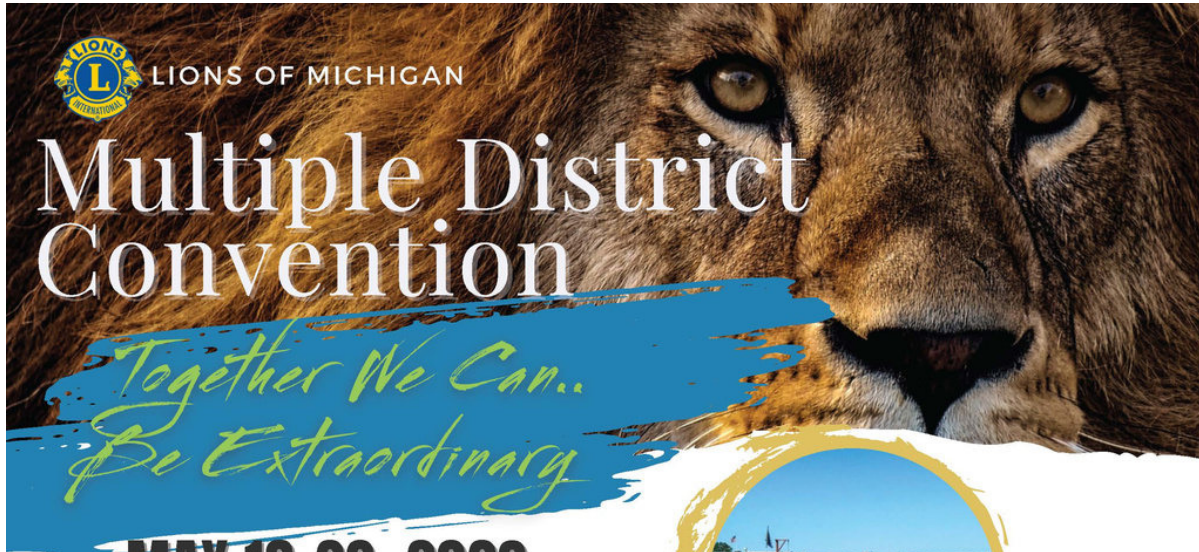
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MAY 18-20 - PLUS OUR DISTRICT CONVENTION ON MAY 20



MAY 18-20, 2023
VANDYK MORTGAGE CENTER
MUSKEGON, MI



Kickoff Picnic

Thursday Night Kickoff Picnic hosted by Muskegon Northside Lions Club. Join us aboard the USS LST 393 and enjoy a BBQ catered meal by the Ravenna Lions Club



Lions Got Talent

Do you have a hidden talent? Join the Lions Got Talent Show on Friday Night! Looking for singers, comedians, magicians, dancers, and more! Show us what you got! The stage is waiting for you to shine.



Lions of Michigan Parade

Grab your club members, your yellow vests, club shirts, old cars and community floats. Lions are going to roar into Muskegon with a parade like no other! Take part in this inaugural event with fellow Lions from around the state. Now's the time to bring out your creativity, humor, & talents. It's your time to shine and BE EXTRAORDINARY!



IPIP Douglas Alexander

Join us in welcoming keynote speaker for Saturday Night, IPIP Douglas Alexander who served as the Lions Clubs International President in 2021-2022 with the theme "Service From The Heart."



REGISTER TODAY
lionsofmi.com

**Exhibitors, Service Project,
 Breakout Sessions and More!**

**REACH OUT TO LION CHERYL ANDERSON TO RSVP:
 ANDERSOC@GVSU.EDU**

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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

HIGHLIGHTING A MEMBER OF THE GRAND RAPIDS LIONS CLUB



Name: Jeff Kraai

Profession: Retired & Recovering CPA

Years as a Lion: 30 years +

Spouse/family:

Jean (wife)

Do you hold positions within the club?

Treasurer

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

JK: Friendships that have been formed over the years.

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

JK: Service to blind and visually impaired individuals.

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

JK: Avengers - most all of them.

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

JK: Golf.

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

JK: Fast on a calculator.

Where is your favorite place to travel?

JK: Favorite trip was to the Old Course in Scotland.

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.



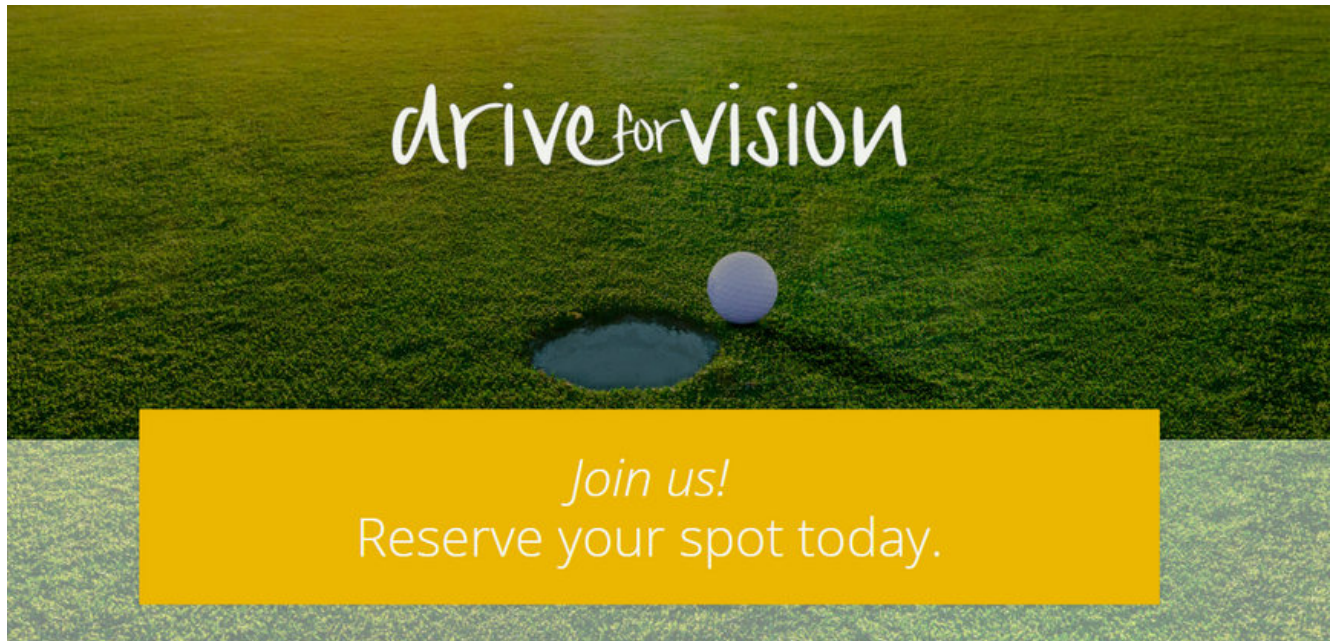
Call or Text: 616-951-4663



Email: JohnRiceOnline@gmail.com

DRIVE FOR VISION: JUNE 19 2023

Join us for the Drive For Vision golf outing this year - June 19 2023, 1PM shotgun. Food, fun, and golf in the name of supporting our very deserving organizations! Click the image below or visit: <https://driveforvision.com/event-information>



With your participation, challenges caused by vision loss can be addressed. Your participation will help many people in our community whose lives are improved by the services of the Association for the Blind & Visually Impaired and the Grand Rapids Lions Club Vision Clinic at Cherry Health.

ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND & VISUALLY IMPAIRED



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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>

“Love is the most important thing in the world,
but baseball is pretty good, too.”

— Yogi Berra

Happy Birthday!



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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