



# GRAND RAPIDS LIONS CLUB

# *Nuda Veritas*

LATIN FOR THE "NAKED TRUTH"

Published for Members by the  
Grand Rapids Lions Club District 11-C-1



## MAY/JUNE 2023

Upcoming events below - great opportunities for fellowship and support!

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **MAY 23 - BOARD MEETING**
- **JUNE 6 - ANNUAL DINNER - WALLINWOOD SPRINGS GOLF CLUB**
  - THE DINNER IS FREE TO ALL MEMBERS PLUS 1 GUEST. (ADDITIONAL GUESTS ARE \$25)
  - INVITE SENT VIA EMAIL ON MAY 17 PLEASE RSVP TO CHERYL, [ANDERSOC@GVSU.EDU](mailto:ANDERSOC@GVSU.EDU)
- **JUNE 10 - BUILD A BED EVENT-VOLUNTEERS NEEDED 9AM-12:30PM - SEE PAGE 3**
- **JUNE 19 - DRIVE FOR VISION**
  - **NOW ACCEPTING SPONSORSHIPS FOR 2023!**
  - **LEARN MORE: [DRIVEFORVISION.COM/](http://DRIVEFORVISION.COM/)**
- **WATCH FOR FUN SUMMER EVENTS!**

# JUNE



# NOTES FROM OUR PRESIDENT: DR GARY ANDERSON



Our deepest sympathies for Tim and the family in the passing of Lion Jeane Allard. She loved the service we did in providing eyecare for those in need on our vision missions and use of recycled glasses. We will miss her service passion and will continue our missions to serve those in need.

Please plan on attending our June 6, 2023 Annual Dinner where we will give a few awards for great Lion leadership and involvement and also celebrate our year of Lions service to those in need in our community. Please RSVP with your meal choices. This event/dinner is free to EVERY member along with a guest of your choice !

Please look for emails outlining opportunities to serve this summer and for social events which everyone will be invited to.

TOGETHER WE CAN...**BE EXTRAORDINARY.**

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gary Anderson".

Gary Anderson  
President, Grand Rapids Lions Club 2022-2024  
ga@andersoneye.com | cell: 616-460-2012



## NUDA VERITAS

THE "NAKED TRUTH" NEWSLETTER

GRAND RAPIDS LIONS CLUB, WEBSITE: [WWW.GRANDRAPIDSLIONSCLUB.ORG](http://WWW.GRANDRAPIDSLIONSCLUB.ORG)

EDITOR: JOHN RICE 616-951-4663 OR E-MAIL: [JOHNRIEONLINE@GMAIL.COM](mailto:JOHNRIEONLINE@GMAIL.COM)

LIONS DISTRICT 11-C1: ALLEGAN, BARRY, IONIA, KENT, MUSKEGON, OTTAWA

# BUILD-A-BED: JUNE 10TH 9AM-12:30PM

Good day everyone,

There will be a bed build to support the Kellogsville Chapter of Sleep in Heavenly Peace. The date is Saturday, June 10th at Wood Tech. (I-131 and 76th Street). It is an indoor build location that we have had builds at in the past.

Wood Tech allows us to use their space for free. They also donate about 90% of the wood that is required. They have their employees cut and plane the wood which decreases the need for a good part of the sanding.

The bed goal is 60 beds. This is 3X larger than any of their prior builds. With enough volunteers, we can make it happen.

Volunteer Workers: 9AM to 12:30(ish)

This build may be a challenge to staff as several clubs have fund raisers on that date plus all the personal stuff - golfing, weddings, graduation etc.

Given the potential challenge to staff, we will need to harness the power of Lions throughout the district and recruit our friends, families, co-workers and even prayer groups.

Please contact Brent Spoelstra if you would like to participate in this final build of the season. (Brent P: 616-283-0260)

The "Build-a-Bed" committee:



CONTACT: E: [bespoelstra@yahoo.com](mailto:bespoelstra@yahoo.com) P: 616-283-0260

## IN MEMORIAM:



Fellow Lions, Cheryl recently shared the following news on our fellow Lion Jeane Allard. "It is with a heavy heart that I am passing along the sad news of Lion Jeane Allard. Jeane passed away May 17, 2023 at 8:44 pm. Please keep her husband, Tim and the rest of the family in your thoughts and prayers."

Visitation on Tuesday May 23 and funeral on Wednesday May 24 Her obituary and funeral details can be found here:

<https://obits.mlive.com/us/obituaries/grandrapids/name/jeane-allard-obituary?id=51962900>

If you would like to send a card you can send it to Tim:

2931 Oakwood Drive SE, E. Grand Rapids MI 49506

### NUDA VERITAS

THE "NAKED TRUTH" NEWSLETTER

GRAND RAPIDS LIONS CLUB, WEBSITE: [WWW.GRANDRAPIDSLIONSCLUB.ORG](http://WWW.GRANDRAPIDSLIONSCLUB.ORG)

EDITOR: JOHN RICE 616-951-4663 OR E-MAIL: [JOHNRIEONLINE@GMAIL.COM](mailto:JOHNRIEONLINE@GMAIL.COM)

LIONS DISTRICT 11-C1: ALLEGAN, BARRY, IONIA, KENT, MUSKEGON, OTTAWA

# MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

HIGHLIGHTING A MEMBER OF THE GRAND RAPIDS LIONS CLUB



**Name:** Kathy Oberlin

**Profession:** Retired from Smiths Industries to be a full time mom. I was a software engineer at Smiths.

**Years as a Lion:** I feel like I've been involved with Lions with Mark for years. Became an official member on my 2nd mission trip; March 2015

**Spouse/family:** Mark

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

No board positions but I run the Lions Transport Service and I am married to a past president. Does that make me a past first-lady?

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

**KO:** I truly enjoy helping people and have found the Lions mission trips very fulfilling. The Transport Service has allowed us to help people here - in our own community - on a regular basis - and I've found this very rewarding, personally.

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

**KO:** Service, friendships and fun.

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

**KO:** Travel, tennis, pickleball and be with family.

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

**KO:** Not really a skill but I'm a bit of a daredevil...skydived in Arizona and bungy jumped in South Africa.

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

**KO:** Went to Africa last year and loved Uganda!

## 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)

## 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**



**Cherry Health**

Comprehensive. Quality. *Healthcare.*

**NUDA VERITAS**

THE "NAKED TRUTH" NEWSLETTER

GRAND RAPIDS LIONS CLUB, WEBSITE: [WWW.GRANDRAPIDSLIONSCLUB.ORG](http://WWW.GRANDRAPIDSLIONSCLUB.ORG)

EDITOR: JOHN RICE 616-951-4663 OR E-MAIL: [JOHNRIEONLINE@GMAIL.COM](mailto:JOHNRIEONLINE@GMAIL.COM)

LIONS DISTRICT 11-C1: ALLEGAN, BARRY, IONIA, KENT, MUSKEGON, OTTAWA

# 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.grandrapid>

[lionsclub.org/glasses-drop-off/](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>

“Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance, you must keep moving.”

— Albert Einstein



# 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

PAT DROSTE 6/4  
STEVE MULDER 6/4  
SHAWN ANDRUS 6/16  
JAMIE JUNOD 6/16  
RICK BOLHUIS 6/21



### NUDA VERITAS

THE "NAKED TRUTH" NEWSLETTER

GRAND RAPIDS LIONS CLUB, WEBSITE: [WWW.GRANDRAPIDSLIONSCLUB.ORG](http://WWW.GRANDRAPIDSLIONSCLUB.ORG)

EDITOR: JOHN RICE 616-951-4663 OR E-MAIL: [JOHNRIEONLINE@GMAIL.COM](mailto:JOHNRIEONLINE@GMAIL.COM)

LIONS DISTRICT 11-C1: ALLEGAN, BARRY, IONIA, KENT, MUSKEGON, OTTAWA