



# GRAND RAPIDS LIONS CLUB

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LATIN FOR THE "NAKED TRUTH"

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## JUNE/JULY 2023

Welcome to the the final 2022-2023 edition of the newsletter!

July begins our new fiscal year and as we take a couple of months to enjoy summer - watch for opportunities to connect and work together to help our community! :)

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **JULY 30 - GR LIONS SUMMER SOCIAL OUTING**
  - **WHERE: SCOTT & MARY'S COTTAGE ON LAKE MICHIGAN**
    - **5961 SCENIC DRIVE | NEW ERA MI 49446**
    - **\*\*BRADY'S COTTAGE PHONE NUMBER IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS IS 231-861-4142 (FYI - NO VERIZON CELL SERVICE IN THAT AREA)**
  - **TIME: 2PM - 7PM | EATING AT 4:30PM**
  - **WHAT TO BRING:**
    - **-YOUR FAMILY, YES KIDS BIG AND SMALL TOO.**
    - **-APPETIZER, SALAD, OR DESSERT**
    - **-OPTIONAL: CHAIR**
    - **-THE COTTAGE IS ON LAKE MICHIGAN SO DRESS ACCORDINGLY**
    - **- BATHING SUIT OR SWEATSHIRT DEPENDING ON THE WEATHER.**
    - **-THE CLUB IS SUPPLYING THE MEAT, LEMONADE, ICED TEA, ADULT BEVERAGES AND WATER ALONG WITH ALL THE PAPER PRODUCTS.**
  - **THERE WILL BE ALL KINDS OF LAWN GAMES TO PLAY!**
  - **RSVP TO SCOTT BRADY WITH NUMBER COMING AND WHAT YOU ARE BRINGING TO SHARE BY SUNDAY, JULY 23, 2023**
  - **SCOTT: [SCOTTBRADY2120@GMAIL.COM](mailto:SCOTTBRADY2120@GMAIL.COM) OR 616-915-9614**

- **WATCH FOR MORE EVENTS TO FOLLOW :)**



# NOTES FROM OUR PRESIDENT: DR GARY ANDERSON



Service to those in need in our community is what we do. Thank you for a great year of providing service opportunities every month to our Service Committee, Dr. Sherah Eavey, Kelly Phelps and Tim Tuthill. Thanks to Brent Spoelstra, Rick Stevens and Rick Walker for leading our newest service project of partnering with Sleep in Heavenly Peace, building beds for children in the Grand Rapids area that do not have a bed to sleep in. We partnered in building 120 beds and provided mattresses, linens and pillows for many of them. Finally, our continuing service of providing transportation for those in need (often visually impaired) for those that need help getting to doctor appointments, shopping and other personal need visits. Thank you, Kathy Oberlin, for your coordination of all those visits.

If you have a service passion, please let me know so we can try to incorporate that in our service opportunities this coming year.

A huge THANK YOU to Jeff Kraai, for the incredible 28 years of serving as our club Treasurer. Your guidance and expertise have brought us to the great financial stability our club has today. Also, your input has always helped focus us on serving those in need with our funds AND having great social opportunities for our members and their families.

Summer picnic July 30, 2023 at the Brady's. on Lake Michigan. This is meant for all our Lions and their families. Please bring your partners and families, young and old. Activities for every age, grandchildren to old farts.

Have a great, safe, Fourth of July.

TOGETHER WE CAN...AND WILL!

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# 2023 ANNUAL MEETING SUMMARY

The annual meeting was held at the Wallinwood Springs Golf Club on June 6 2023. Social house started at 6PM with sit down dinner and awards at 7PM. President, Dr. Gary Anderson, provided a wonderful summary of the last years service projects, gatherings and ways our club has supported community both here locally and around the globe. A special thank you to Jeff Kraai for his 28 YEARS of service to the club as our treasurer. Jeff is "retiring" this year as our club treasurer and turning the reigns over to Drew Wessel.

## 2022-2023 Officers and Directors:

Chairmen of the Board	Ben Eavey
President	Dr. Gary Anderson
Vice President	Kyle Travis
Treasurer	Jeff Kraai*
Secretary	Cheryl Anderson
Membership	John Rice
Tail Twister	Jamie Junod

## Directors (3 Year Terms)

Colleen Mulder	(2020-2023)*
Thad Phelps	(2020-2023)*
Jason Brown	(2021-2024)
Dr. Adam Carlson	(2021-2024)
Joe Annoreno	(2022-2025)
Drew Wessell	(2022-2025)*

## New Members July 2022- June 2023

Tim Tuthill

## Members we have lost 2022-2023

Lion Jeane Allard  
Lion Craig Nobbelin

## Grand Rapids Lions Board: UPDATES

### Retiring Directors:

Colleen Mulder, Thaddeus Phelps, & Drew Wessell  
Retiring Treasured: Jeff Kraai

New Directors: Anne Baird, Jim Schuyler, Bob Younger  
New Treasurer: Drew Wessell

\*Denotes those retiring from their role this year.

## 2023 Award Winners

Joseph Trenshaw Rookie of the Year  
Lion of the Year  
Melvin Jones Fellowship  
Henry Voet Lifetime Achievement Award

Jim Schuyler  
Sherah Eavey and Kelly Phelps  
Gail Junod & Jim Baird  
This year this award will be presented in the fall.

## 2nd Century Club Member (those who have committed to gifting more than \$25,000 to the club's Foundation in their lifetime)

Gary and Cheryl Anderson (New this year)  
Rick and Cindy Walker  
Scott and Mary Brady  
Lynn and Vicki Francis (New this year)  
Kim and Pam Gary  
Pat and Kathy Mullen  
Ed and Karen Thauer  
Mark and Kathy Oberlin  
Rick and Mary Stevens (New this year)

## Legacy Member (commitment of \$25K or more via will, trust, life insurance)

Gary and Cheryl Anderson  
Mark and Kathy Oberlin  
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Kim and Pam Gary  
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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.



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

## DRIVE FOR VISION: JUNE 19 2023

The Drive For Vision golf outing took place on June 19 2023 with a 1PM shotgun. Food, fun, and golf for all in the name of supporting our very deserving organizations! Thank you to all of those that participated! This years event was another successful day of raising funds for our supported charities Stay tuned for the final numbers.

The funds raised 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.

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# MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

HIGHLIGHTING A MEMBER OF THE GRAND RAPIDS LIONS CLUB



**Name: Bob Snyder**

**Profession:** Hospitality since 1970's. Started as short order cook at a lake resort near my parents cottage. My Dad ran the popcorn stand! Retired from Experience Grand Rapids (Visitors & Convention Bureau) as a National Sales Director about 6 years ago. I worked these markets: religious, fraternal, military, government, greek... one of my first BIG bookings was the Lions Leadership Forum.

**Years as a Lion:** 20+ years

**Spouse/family:** Alice, Sully is our pet dog a berniedoodle

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

Past Membership Director and have worked with these committees in the past: Speakers, 100th Anniversary, Blind Dinner Date.

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

**BS:** Community Service and volunteering. I will always remember the late night/early morning phone call from PID Lion Gary letting me know GR won the bid to Host the Leadership Forum.

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

**BS:** World-Wide, Service, Giving-Back.

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

**BS:** RV with Robin Williams, Books on Unique Travel Spots, Chess.

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

**BS:** Travel... I also enjoy the planning stage, finding interesting places to visit and explore.

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

**BS:** I'm kind of a "closet" model rail-roader. Recently setting up my trains that were packed away for over 50 years!

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

**BS:** East Coast for cheaper lobster... Tombstone... Lobster any lobster shack in Maine.

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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>

"Perfection is not attainable.  
But if we chase perfection we can catch excellence."

*-Vince Lombardi*



# Happy Birthday!

PAT DROSTE 6/4  
STEVE MULDER 6/4  
SHAWN ANDRUS 6/16  
JAMIE JUNOD 6/16  
RICK BOLHUIS 6/21  
JEREMY KNOESTER 6/22\*  
SHERAH EAVEY 7/1  
BILL FLEETHAM 7/5  
ROB LALLEY, JR 7/5

PAT MULLEN 7/6  
CHERYL ANDERSON 7/9  
MEAGAN BAKER 7/9 \*  
SCOTT BRADY 7/18  
ROBERT SNYDERS 7/18  
RYAN SMITH 7/25  
RICK STEVENS 7/25  
SHAWN EYESTONE 7/29

\*DENOTES NEW LION



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