



AUGUST 2023

Welcome to AUGUST! Just a few weeks until the start of our lunch meetings for the 2023-24 GR Lions year!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- SEPTEMBER 5 FIRST LUNCH MEETING!
 - LUNCH MEETING AT THE UNIVERSITY CLUB DOWNTOWN
 - 5/3 BLDG (TOP FLOOR) | 111 LYON ST NW | GRAND RAPIDS
 - RSVP TO CHERYL BY 12NOON, FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 1
- SEPTEMBER 21-23, 2023: USA/CANADA LEADERSHIP FORUM
 - VISIT THIS LINK FOR DETAILS: <u>HTTPS://LIONSFORUM.ORG/</u>
- NOVEMBER 2-5: LIONS OF MICHIGAN LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE
 - LEARN MORE AT THE LINK BELOW:
 - HTTPS://WWW.LIONSOFMI.COM/INDEX.PHP/LEADERSHIP-INSTITUTE



NOTES FROM OUR PRESIDENT: DR GARY ANDERSON





A great big THANK YOU to Scott and Mary Brady for opening their lake home Sunday the 30th, to host our summer picnic. The food was tremendous thanks to the pulled pork they prepared and all the salads and desserts our attendees brought. Also, thank you to Kim and Pam Gary for supplying the adult beverages. 45 members and family members had a great afternoon on the shores of Lake Michigan. Thanks to all that could attend and bring your families.

Our first luncheon meeting of the new Lion year will be Tuesday Sept. 5, 2023 at the University Club. Please make time on your schedule to attend and of course RSVP to Secretary Cheryl with your attendance, when you receive the meeting notice form her. We have to have luncheon meal rsvp's into the U Club the Friday before our meeting. Looking forward to seeing you all Sept. 5 and hearing about your summer.

IN SERVICE AND FRIENDSHIP,

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



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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

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL BLOG:

Learning about Lions around the world has never been easier! The Lions Clubs International website has a blog that is updated frequently with fascinating stories of the impact of Lions around the world.

Read more: <u>https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/blog</u>



Welcoming Refugee Families Through the Eyes of a Lion

Alessandra DeChancie - August 03, 2023









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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

HIGHLIGHTING A MEMBER OF THE GRAND RAPIDS LIONS CLUB





Name: Kim Gary
Profession: Retired - 1st time: Pharmacist 1981
2nd Time: Alliance Beverage
Years as a Lion: 38 years
Spouse/family: Pam
Do you hold positions within the club?
Past President, Past Director, Past Club Secretary

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

KG: The people we met that we now consider close friends.

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

KG: To Serve Proudly.

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

KG: No particular book or movie, adventure or history themes.

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

KG: Too many things: Travel, golf, fly fish, spoil grand children...

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

KG: I am an open book, most of my friends know more about me then I do.

Where is your favorite place to travel? What is the top place on your travel bucket list?

KG: Pam and I love to travel, recently a couple of favorites: Holy Land, Vietnam and Cambodia. In the near future: Cruise around Scotland and golf. Bucket list: African Safari. For just hanging out and chillin: Baldwin on the Pere Marquette River or Hilton Head I love any form of transportation, especially Amtrak train travel having taken a 3 day trip this past spring from Arizona back to Grand Rapids and next month going from Pinehurst to Hilton Head.

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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



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/lionsevents-calendar



Curious about eyeglass recycling locations around town? We have the perfect "site" to restore your sight For an interactive map visit: https://www.grandrapid slionsclub.org/glassesdrop-off/

"Live in the sunshine. Swim in the sea. Drink in the wild air."

– Ralph Waldo Emerson

Happy Birthday!

KIM GARY 8/1 **KRISTEN PLAFKIN 8/1** JANA KIM 8/5 MARK OBERLIN 8/7 **STEPHANIE ANDERSON 8/12 GARY ANDERSON 8/15 BEN EAVEY 8/15**



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