



GRAND RAPIDS LIONS CLUB

Nuda Veritas

LATIN FOR THE "NAKED TRUTH"

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Last Monday of August already? WOW! As we refocus and head into "game time" see below for the upcoming opportunities 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
 - **** BRING DONTATIONS ON SPET 5TH FOR OUR AUGUST SERVICE PROJECT!** SEE PAGE 3**
- **SEPTEMBER 12 - 6-8PM AUGUST SERVICE PROJECT AT ABVI**
 - COME JOIN OUR SEPTEMBER CLUB VOLUNTEER PROJECT TO HELP SUPPORT THE MARTIN LUTHER KING LEADERSHIP ACADEMY TUTORING PROGRAM.
 - 456 CHERRY ST SE, GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49503
 - SEE PAGE 3 FOR THE DETAILS
- **SEPTEMBER 21-23, 2023: USA/CANADA LEADERSHIP FORUM**
 - VISIT THIS LINK FOR DETAILS: [HTTPS://LIONSFORUM.ORG/](https://lionsforum.org/)
- **OCTOBER 19 - PROJECTS NIGHT**
 - ROCKFORD SPORTSMAN'S CLUB, 1115 NORTHLAND DRIVE NE, ROCKFORD MI 49341
 - 6:00 SOCIAL TIME, 6:15 DINNER, 6:45 "SPEED DATING" - AKA PROJECTS, 7:45 RAFFLE AND PARADE OF CHECKS.
 - THE COST IS ONLY \$20 PER PERSON.
 - MORE INFORMATION AND A REGISTRATION FLYER TO FOLLOW.
- **NOVEMBER 2-5: LIONS OF MICHIGAN LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE**
 - LEARN MORE AT THE LINK BELOW:
 - [HTTPS://WWW.LIONSOFMI.COM/INDEX.PHP/LEADERSHIP-INSTITUTE](https://www.lionsofmi.com/index.php/leadership-institute)

NOTES FROM OUR PRESIDENT: DR GARY ANDERSON



As we start a new Lion year, I want to give special thanks to two unsung heroes in our club. John Rice, for the incredible job he does as our Nuda newsletter editor. Every two weeks he has a new edition, filled with club information and news from around the state and the world, formatted to keep everyone's interest while reading it. Also, Secretary Cheryl Anderson. Keeping everyone informed of activities, compiling board agendas and minutes, organizing biweekly lunch meeting details and on and on. Often hours a day spent on attention to all the details and communication. Thank you both for your unconditional service to our Grand Rapids Lions Club.

We are always looking for members to assist on different committees. Currently we are looking for more assistance on the Program and Service Committees. If you have good ideas and maybe connections for program presenters at our lunches, Mark, Shelley and Bob would love some help. As we try to expand our service scope, our Service Committee could use some more help in organizing some of these events. If you have an interest in helping out, please let me know.

See you all Tuesday Sept. 5 at 12:15pm!

LIONS, CHANGING THE WORLD,

Gary Anderson
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AUGUST SERVICE PROJECT AT ABVI:

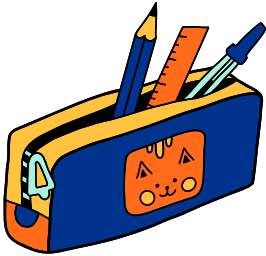
TO HELP SUPPORT THE MARTIN LUTHER KING LEADERSHIP ACADEMY TUTORING PROGRAM

Pencil Box Project and Pizza!

Tuesday, 9/12/ 2023

6pm - 8pm

Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired
456 Cherry St SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503



Kids are heading back to school! Come join our September Club Volunteer Project to help support the Martin Luther King Leadership Academy Tutoring Program. We will be assembling Pencil Boxes to give to children. All K-2 students receive tutoring in reading. Students meet one time per week with a volunteer tutor. Many students at the school are not exposed to reading and having one on one time with a tutor helps to improve reading skills and gain confidence with their reading. Volunteers are needed.

****Please bring the following items to the September 5th meeting OR drop them off to ABVI -456 Cherry St SE. You can also make a donation and we will purchase the items-please designate Pencil Box Project. They try to keep everything uniform so that each child receives the same thing. Please order:**

- Pencil Boxes: amzn.to/3PfgGmX
- Pencil Sharpeners: bit.ly/3PeuUo4
- Pink Erasers: amzn.to/3PcBb3O
- Glue Sticks: bit.ly/3qXjllB
- Crayola Crayons-24 pack: bit.ly/3Egg4aE

And while these do not go into the boxes, the Kindergarten and First-grade teachers are looking for Crayola Large/Wide crayons for their classrooms (about 100 would be needed). So any help with this would be greatly appreciated.

Here is the Amazon link: bit.ly/3qNw4xw

For Tuesday's event, please RSVP to Tim Tuthill tim.tuthill@maryfreebed.com or 616 490 1708 - you can text to this number.

In the future, if you are interested in volunteering for the Martin Luther King Leadership Academy Tutoring Program - your help is MUCH NEEDED and GREATLY APPRECIATED!

Reach out directly to: mlktutoringcenter@gmail.com

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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

2023-2024 LEADERSHIP ROLES

Curious who to contact for your questions on a project? Are you interested in a particular committee? The 2023-24 organization chart is a really helpful tool. This chart shows each project the club is involved with along with each committee member and leader. Additionally, all board directors and club officers are listed.

You can review it here:
https://www.grandrapidslionsclub.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/23_24-Org-Chart.pdf



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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

HIGHLIGHTING A MEMBER OF THE GRAND RAPIDS LIONS CLUB



Name: Sherah Eavey

Profession: Optometrist

Years as a Lion: 11 years

Spouse/family: Ben

Do you hold positions within the club?

Service project committee, membership committee

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

SE: I love the friendships we make through community, service, and the common goal of making our world a better place.

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

SE: Service, leadership, heart

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

SE: Movie: Clue, Book: Kitchens of the Great Midwest, Game: backgammon

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

SE: I'm a reader and I enjoy hikes with my dog.

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

SE: I am a painter, although it's been a few years since I've picked up a brush!

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

SE: I love Lake Michigan! I dream of seeing Australia someday. My favorite meal is the perfect slice of pizza, yum!

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.grandrapidslionsclub.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>

“We have to humble ourselves and the way you do that is by serving other people.”

– Tim Tebow



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

CARLA BOLHUIS 9/10
AUTUMN KILLOP 9/11
ADAM CARLSON 9/13
SHELLEY IRWIN 9/23
KELLY PHELPS 9/24
MICHAEL SMALLEGAN 9/27
DAVID KLEIN 9/28
TOM MURPHY 9/28
JONSE YOUNG 9/29



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