



GRAND RAPIDS LIONS CLUB

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LATIN FOR THE "NAKED TRUTH"

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Welcome to September fellow Lions! Like the air starting to turn crisp, you can feel we into the autumn kickoff of Lions! Many great events coming up over the next few weeks. Read on below and watch your email for updates! :)

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **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 19 - 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 15
- **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



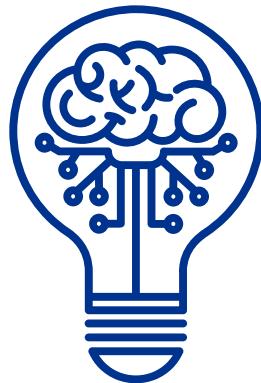
We Serve..... our Lions motto for 106 years.

Making a difference for those in need is what Lions do. Our Grand Rapids Lions Club has served has served the vision, hunger, underprivileged and many other needs of our community and world for 104 years and we are looking to do more.

If you have a passion for a particular service need in our community, I would love to hear it. We are looking for more opportunities to provide hands on service for our members and your families if possible. Please email me with your passion and ideas and we will see how our club can support the new service opportunity.

LIONS, CHANGING THE WORLD,

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



Lions Clubs International has a great page dedicated to inspiring stories. You can review how our fellow lions help in many ways all over the world. To learn more, visit:

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/explore-our-clubs/our-global-causes>

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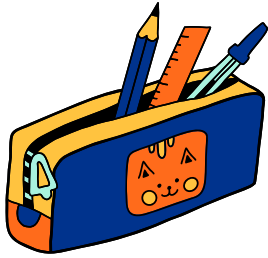
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SEPTEMBER SERVICE PROJECT AT ABVI:

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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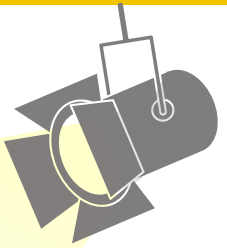
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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

HIGHLIGHTING A MEMBER OF THE GRAND RAPIDS LIONS CLUB



Name: Jeremy Knoester

Profession: Mixed Staffing & Recruiting (Vice President)
Employment agency (Owners)

Years as a Lion: 3 months

Spouse/family: Sara Knoester (Wife) Emma Knoester (Daughter) Arie Knoester (Daughter) Camila Knoester (Daughter) Camila Sr. (AuPair family member) Rocky & Kobe Knoester (Dogs)

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

JK: Although I haven't been a member long I have already seen how purpose driven the Lions Club is and that has been really exciting to see. I can't wait to participate in meaningful programs, conversations and begin making a difference in the community I love.

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

JK: Service, dedication & community

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

JK: Favorite Movie: A Bad Moms Christmas (because I am in it) - Favorite Book: The Brothers Karamazov - Favorite Board game: PIT (don't play many board games)

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

JK: Spend time with family, golf, watch sports/movies, read, work on the yard.

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

JK: I can jump abnormally high, and I am oddly amazing at Claw Machine games.

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

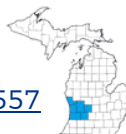
JK: Favorite Restaurant: Leo's - Favorite Place to Travel: Wherever my girls want to go - Bucket List Travel: Bora Bora.

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>

“The smallest act of kindness is worth more than the grandest intention.”

— Oscar Wilde



Happy Birthday!

- 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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