



GRAND RAPIDS LIONS CLUB

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WOW our Lions calendar remains FULL of opportunities!!!! See below and SEE YOU THERE!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **OCTOBER 24: FULL BOARD MEETING**
- **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)**
- **NOVEMBER 7 - LUNCH MEETING!**
 - **LUNCH MEETING AT THE UNIVERSITY CLUB DOWNTOWN**
 - **5/3 BLDG (TOP FLOOR) | 111 LYON ST NW | GRAND RAPIDS**
 - **RSVP TO CHERYL BY 12 NOON, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3**
- **NOVEMBER 13 - NOVEMBER SERVICE PROJECT 5:30- 8PM**
 - **EYEGLASS WASHERS NEEDED TO WASH READING GLASSES FOR DISTRIBUTION TO LOCAL NONPROFITS!**
 - **LOCATION: 616 PHOTOGRAPHY 4060 29TH STREET (NOT FAR FROM BURGER KING) ENTER THROUGH BACK DOOR FOR LIONS EYEGLASS WAREHOUSE. CHECK IN WITH GAIL JUNOD AT THE BEGINNING OF YOUR SHIFT. PLEASE RSVP BY 11/10**
- **NOVEMBER 21 - LUNCH MEETING!**
 - **LUNCH MEETING AT THE UNIVERSITY CLUB DOWNTOWN**
 - **5/3 BLDG (TOP FLOOR) | 111 LYON ST NW | GRAND RAPIDS**
 - **RSVP TO CHERYL BY 12 NOON, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17**
- **DECEMBER 2: HOLIDAY SHOPPING**
 - **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR IN-PERSON SHOPPING ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2023 | SEE PAGE 4 FOR DETAILS**
- **DECEMBER 16: HOLIDAY PARTY - MARK YOUR CALENDARS :)**
 - **LOCATION: WALLINGWOOD SPRINGS IN JENISON**
 - **MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW VIA EMAIL**
- **JANUARY 30 - BLIND DINNER DATE: 6-9PM MEIJER GARDENS**
 - **MORE INFO ON PAGE 3**

UPDATE: SERVICE PROJECT AT VILLAGE WATER FILTERS

On Thursday Oct 19 Kelly Phelps volunteered on behalf of our club at Village Water Filters.

Here is an update from Kelly on the project along with pictures:

I represented the club today for the village water filter project. In 2 hours I got 2 cases, or a total of 480 filters, fitted with 2 "O" rings each at their new facility at 4064 Division. Very accessible now with easy off street parking on 1 level. Here are a few pictures.

Thanks,

Kelly Phelps



ABOUT Village Water Filters:
 Watch the video here:
<https://villagewaterfilters.org/videos/>



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BLIND DINNER DATE

The Grand Rapids Lions Club is excited to present the 18th Annual Blind Dinner Date!

Dear Lion,

We are extending an invitation for you to join us for an impactful event at Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park (1000 E Beltline Ave NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49525) on **Tuesday, January 30, 2024 from 6:00pm to 9:00pm** for an evening of celebration in a gorgeous venue filled with great appetizers, drinks, and music.

We are privileged to have Katie Mawby, a member of the USA Adaptive Water Ski and Wake Sports Team, as our featured guest. The evening will also highlight the commendable efforts of local professionals who are committed to improving the quality of life for individuals with vision loss.

80% of the information we take in each day is processed through our eyes. Too often, and without thought, the ability to see is taken for granted. Grand Rapids Lions is committed to partnering with organizations working to help individuals living with vision loss.

All funds raised through the Blind Dinner Date provide:

- **Eye care to all ages** through the Grand Rapids Lions Club Vision Clinic at Cherry Health, including children with special needs.
- **Rehabilitation services for individuals in West Michigan with visual impairment or blindness** through the Association for the Blind & Visually Impaired (ABVI).

We need your help supporting our mission! – Please review the sponsorship opportunities and participation levels that have been added to the website. You can click through to that information here:

<https://www.grandrapidslionsclub.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/Lions-Copy-of-BDD-2023-Sponsor-letter-v5.pdf>



For more information, please contact Jim Schuyler, 2023 Blind Dinner Date Chair, at 616-325-6107 or jimcschuyler@gmail.com.

To be included in the program, the form must be received by **October 31 2023**.

Thank you for sharing our vision, and we look forward to seeing you there!

Jim Schuyler
Blind Dinner Date Chair

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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

DECEMBER 2: HOLIDAY SHOPPING

Volunteers needed for in-person shopping on Saturday, December 2, 2023

Meijer generously donates a \$30 gift card per child within a total limit of \$1500 for the event. The Grand Rapids Lions Club donates \$95 per child (up to \$4750 for 50 children) to set a budget of \$125 per gift card for children to spend on their family members. "Pass the Hat" donations through collections at Lions luncheons assist in supplementing the cost of having additional children participate. For each \$125 collected, an additional child is able to attend.

WHAT: The first shift is designated for the children with visual impairments and begins PROMPTLY at 7:15 a.m. The second group of children begin at 8:30 a.m. when the Base Camp Sabbath children arrive with their staff. ****Due to the large number of children who are being referred, we are looking for at least 35 volunteers or more, if possible, so the ratio would be no more than 2 children to every 1 volunteer.

WHEN: Saturday, Dec. 2, 2023 at 7:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

WHERE: Meijer on 28th & I-96 in Cascade



Members are welcome to make this a "family event" and include spouses, children or acquaintances who are interested in volunteering.

Contact: Anne Baird | baird@surfree.com | 616-446-9496

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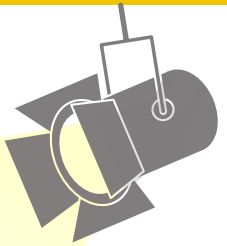
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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

HIGHLIGHTING A MEMBER OF THE GRAND RAPIDS LIONS CLUB



Name: Osman Koroma

Profession: Employment Coordinator

Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired

Certified Vision Rehabilitation Therapist (CVRT), MA

Years as a Lion: Less than a month

Spouse/family: Abby Koroma and our two daughters Jubilee 2.5 years and Shekinah 6 months

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

OK: I love that everyone is welcoming and willing to be active in the community. Everyone wants to serve each other and the community because they get to not because they have to!

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

OK: Serving, welcoming and peace

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

OK: Welcome to America

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

OK: Spend time serving my family, Time with friends, play goalball and look for good food to eat!

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

OK: I want to do a 100 mile bike ride!

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

OK: I love local food, I love to travel anywhere and don't have a bucket list.

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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.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>

“Do your little bit of good where you are; it is those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world.”

— Desmond Tutu

Happy Birthday!



KEITH CRITTENDON 10/2
KATHY O'BEE 10/10
DAN CRANE 10/13
ANNE BAIRD 10/15
JASON BROWN 10/19
BRENT SPOELSTRA 11/3

LYNN FRANCIS 11/4
BOYD GRISWOLD 11/9
ERIK ANDERSON 11/10
RICK WALKER 11/14
THADDEUS PHELPS 11/9
RAY WEIDENFELLER 11/29



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