



GRAND RAPIDS LIONS CLUB

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WOW! 2023 is almost wrapped up! We have had a strong year with many helping hands assisting our community both locally and around the globe!

Note: January meeting space information will be provided via email as that is settle.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **DECEMBER 16 - HOLIDAY SOCIAL**
 - **WALLINWOOD SPRINGS GOLF CLUB**
 - **8152 WEATHERWAX DRIVE (OFF COTTONWOOD), JENISON MI 49428**
 - **5:30 - SOCIAL STARTS | 6:30 DINNER | 7:30 RAFFLE**
 - **READ MORE ONLINE HERE:**
[HTTPS://WWW.GRANDRAPIDSLIONSCLUB.ORG/WP-CONTENT/UPLOADS/2023/12/GR-HOLIDAY-SOCIAL-INVITE.PDF](https://www.grandrapidslionsclub.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/gr-holiday-social-invite.pdf)
- **JANUARY 2 - LUNCH MEETING!**
 - **LUNCH MEETING - LOCATION TBD WATCH EMAIL FOR UPDATES**
 - **RSVP TO CHERYL BY 12 NOON, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29**
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- **JANUARY 30 - BLIND DINNER DATE: 6-9PM MEIJER GARDENS**
 - **TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED HERE:**
 - [HTTPS://WWW.EVENTBRITE.COM/E/GRAND-RAPIDS-LIONS-BLIND-DINNER-DATE-TICKETS-736864871667?AFF=ODDTCREATOR](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/grand-rapids-lions-blind-dinner-date-tickets-736864871667?aff=oddtcreator)

NOTES FROM OUR PRESIDENT: DR GARY ANDERSON



As we wish each other “Happy Holidays”, let us remember that this celebration is not just for Christmas. There are 5 religions that celebrate holidays in December, Christianity and Judaism being the two largest and of which we have many members in our club. In Lionism, we celebrate everyone’s right to choose their faith.

Wouldn’t our world be a more peaceful place if everyone was a Lion !

As I sadly read the obituary of Marge Brady, (who passed on Dec. 7) mother of Lion Scott Brady, I can’t help but think of her late husband Lion Ron Brady. Ron and I joined Lions together in 1979. Ron and Marge founded Mercy Ambulance. Ron was a great friend, a doer and a character, like many of YOU. Through years of serving with Ron and Marge in Lions, I met Scott and then Mary and the rest of the Brady clan. This pattern has repeated itself throughout my 44 years of being a Lion. I have met the greatest people and formed lifelong friendships in Grand Rapids, Michigan and around the world, because of Lions.

As the calendar year ends, let’s celebrate the great memories of those that are no longer with us in person and keep our bonds of friendship and service together strong.

“HAPPY HOLIDAYS”

Gary Anderson
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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

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HENRY VOET AWARD

Monday, Nov 13, 2023 at the November Service Project event, twelve Lions were at the recycling center sorting and washing readers to be prepared to be taken around the Grand Rapids area various shelters. Little did these Lions know that at this service project event, Bob Winchester was going to be presented the GR Lions prestigious Henry Voet Award from President Gary Anderson. This award is usually given out at the annual dinner, which Bob was signed up to attend. However, something came up last minute and Bob was not at the dinner. Before Bob left GR for the winter, we needed a time to present him with his award. Bob does not attend the luncheon meetings but he is always at recycling, so no better place for him to receive this award. Congratulations Bob!!! Well deserved :-)"

Respectfully Submitted,
Cheryl Anderson



Congratulations, Bob!

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UPDATE: KIDS HOLIDAY SHOPPING DEC 2

A BIG "THANK YOU" to all those who participated and took time to volunteer with the Holiday Shopping Event. You were all important in the role you provided (shoppers, taking photos, breakfast servers, wrappers, clean-up). Forty-nine smiling kids went home with large bags packed with wrapped gifts for their families. In addition, we had a total of 55 volunteers (which included Grand Rapids Lions members, spouses, friends, family members, neighbors, grandkids, and acquaintances). What an overwhelming turnout!

The response from our volunteer Grand Rapids Lions Members and others made it all possible. This year we were able to have the Base Camp Urban Development kids from Center City Ministries and the kids with Visual Impairments from KISD join us with their special education consultants. It was great teamwork in bringing joy and the spirit of Christmas giving to all the kids who participated.

Anne Baird and Don Jakel



Thank you!

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GRAND RAPIDS HOLIDAY SOCIAL!!

Get out your holiday gear and join us

When: Saturday, December 16, 2023

Where: Wallinwood Springs Golf Club
8152 Weatherwax Drive (off Cottonwood),
Jenison MI 49428

Cost: Free to members, \$25 for guests

Time: 5:30 PM Social – bar opens & appetizers

6:30 PM Dinner & Dessert

7:30 PM Presentation & Raffle

8:30 PM Driving Range Simulators open

Dinner Choices:

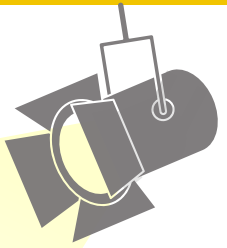
1. Pecan Walleye - Pecan Breading and baked. Finished with a Frangelico Cream.
2. Ten Ounce Sirloin - Cooked to medium and topped with Marsala Mushrooms.
3. Champagne Chicken - Two 4 ounce Boneless chicken breasts seasoned and baked and finished with Poulette Sauce (chicken cream sauce with a white wine and mushroom reduction).
4. Vegetable Lasagna

**Vegan & GF dinners are available. Other dietary restrictions?

RSVP: Friday, December 8, 2023 to Cheryl, andersoc@gvsu.edu

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

HIGHLIGHTING A MEMBER OF THE GRAND RAPIDS LIONS CLUB



Name: Kevin Carlson

Profession: Sales / Account Manager

Years as a Lion: Since October 29, 2023.

Installed in Jamaica on the Vision Mission.

Unofficially, have been involved with the Muskegon Northside Lions Club for the past 35 years or so with my father Lion Richard Carlson.

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

KC: My favorite thing has been being able to give back to those in need. I've been on 8 Vision Missions with the GR and Muskegon Northside Lions.

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

KC: Community, Vision, Service

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

KC: Slap Shot or Miracle are two of my favorite movies

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

KC: I enjoy working on projects/remodels around the house, or in the summer taking the Jeep for a nice cruise around Michigan.

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

KC: Michigan Upper Peninsula - Newberry/McMillan area
Schubergs in Big Rapids, or Lefty and Romos in Muskegon

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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 best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched. They must be felt with the heart.
Wishing you happiness.”

— Helen Keller



Happy Birthday!

- KYLE TRAVIS 12/4
- EDDIE KLEINFELD 12/6
- PAM VAN OVERLOOP 12/9
- TOM DANDRIDGE 12/21
- JIM SCHULYER 12/27
- AARON PLAFKIN 12/30



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