



# GRAND RAPIDS LIONS CLUB

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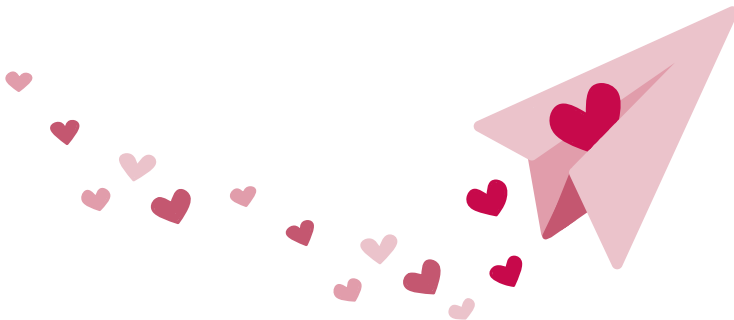


## FEB 2024

Service with a HEART! ❤️ Join us in February!

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **FEBRUARY 20 - LUNCH MEETING!**
  - LUNCH MEETING - HOLIDAY INN DOWNTOWN
  - ADDRESS: 310 PEARL ST NW, GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49504
  - RSVP TO CHERYL BY 12 NOON, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16
  - NOTE: IF YOU RSVP AND THEN NEED TO CANCEL, SUNDAY NIGHT IS THE LATEST TO CANCEL & THE CLUB WILL NOT GET CHARGED
- **FEBRUARY 27 - EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING 8PM**
- **MAY 16-18TH - MULTIPLE DISTRICT CONVENTION - SAVE THE DATE!**
  - LEARN MORE HERE:
    - [HTTPS://WWW.LIONSOFMI.COM/INDEX.PHP/MD11CONVENTION-23/MD11-STATE-CONVENTION-MAY-2023](https://www.lionsofmi.com/index.php/md11convention-23/md11-state-convention-may-2023)



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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](mailto:JohnRiceOnline@gmail.com)

## FUNDRAISER FOR ABVI RECUMBENT TANDEM BIKE

At our meeting on Jan 2 - New Lion Member Osman Koroma, and President Dr. Gary Anderson, announced plans to launch a new fundraiser for a tandem bike for ABVI. Originally, Lion member and Club Chaplain, Tim Tuthill, Executive Director of ABVI approached Gary expressing the need for this incredible assistance tool. Below is a picture of this bike featured during an ABVI session in the summer of '23. Osman expressed that exercise is extremely important for all and those who experience vision loss have a hard time exercising - especially outside. This bike will aide with helping the individuals served by ABVI to experience the thrill and enjoyment of biking outside - all while getting the exercise we all need!

Osman highlighted a life long dream on his "bucket list" in his member spotlight in the newsletter.. Stating he would love to complete a 100 mile bike ride. This coupled with the ABVI need = the potential for a very FUN Fundraiser!

Stay tuned for more info!

Pictured: Lion Osman Koroma (left) and a representative from Adaptive Sports (right) at ABVI in 2023



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# UPDATE: BLIND DINNER DATE: JANUARY 30 2024

## BLIND DINNER DATE

On February 1 2024, GR Lions Secretary, Cheryl Anderson shared via email the following "Thank You" message and summary of the wonderful Blind Dinner Date 2024:

"The Grand Rapids Lions Club members want to thank Chairman Jim Schuyler and the Blind Dinner Date Committee for a GREAT event on January 30, 2024 at Meijer Gardens.

The committee members are: Dr. Gary Anderson, Dr. Meagan Baker, Ben Eavey, Anna Goddard, Osman Koroma, Jeff Kraai, John Rice, Jim Schuyler, Chair, Rick Stevens, Tim Tuthill

CONGRATULATIONS to our very own Brent Spoelstra for being presented "The Vision in Action Award". This award honors a non-medical individual in the Greater Grand Rapids area who has made significant contributions in their career or volunteer efforts to reduce avoidable blindness and/or provide quality of life support to those with vision loss.

Also CONGRATULATIONS to our very own Osman Koroma for being presented the "Rising Star Award". This award honors a younger adult with severe vision loss whose independence and confidence are growing and who is showing evidence of a promising future and demonstrating their ability to thrive in a sighted world.

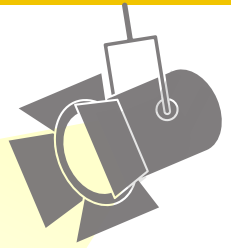
The "Dr Mark Sheldon Lifetime Achievement Award" was presented to Dr. Daniel Wrubel, an optometrist at the Michigan College of Optometry of Ferris State University and private practice in Eaton Rapids.



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# MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

HIGHLIGHTING A MEMBER OF THE GRAND RAPIDS LIONS CLUB



**Name:** Colleen Mulder

**Profession:** VP of Marketing

**Years as a Lion:** 29 years (joined 4/1/1995)

**Spouse/family:** Husband Stephen who has a GR dental practice on the East Beltline and Knapp, son Max who is a software engineer, and our most recent family member, Finn, a 9 mo old goldendoodle!

**Do you hold positions within the club?**

Past Director and Drive for Vision lead with Jamie Junod for ?# (MANY) years!

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

**CM:** My favorite part of being a Lion initially was that the org clearly aligned with my profession in the eye care space. That quickly expanded to include the amazing members of the club, many who became lifelong friends along the way.

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

**CM:** Caring, Committed, and Tradition

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

**CM:** Favorite Movie: The Sound of Music, which was the first date I recall with my Dad!

Favorite Book: There are so many... top of mind is Atomic Habits by James Clear.

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

**CM:** Water skiing, snow skiing, working out, golf, and spending time up north at our cottage.

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

**CM:** My answer needs to remain a secret!

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

**CM:** My favorite places to travel include our Colorado ski resorts, and Greece is next on my bucket list. Favorite restaurant is Nonna's in Ada.

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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.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>

"How far you go in life depends on your being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving and tolerant of the weak and strong.

Because someday in your life you will have been all of these."

-- George Washington Carver



# Happy Birthday!

**RANDALL HAMSTRA 2/18**

**MIKE MURPHY 2/22**

**DREW WESSELL 2/23**

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