



GRAND RAPIDS LIONS CLUB

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Say it with me: "In like a Lion and out like a ... Lion!" Exactly :)
Join us as "We Serve" together!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- MARCH 17 - HAPPY ST PATRICK'S DAY! 🍀
- MARCH 19 - LUNCH MEETING!
 - LUNCH MEETING - HOLIDAY INN DOWNTOWN
 - ADDRESS: 310 PEARL ST NW, GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49504
 - RSVP TO CHERYL BY 12 NOON, FRIDAY, MARCH 15 2024
 - NOTE: IF YOU RSVP AND THEN NEED TO CANCEL, SUNDAY NIGHT IS
 - THE LATEST TO CANCEL & THE CLUB WILL NOT GET CHARGED
- MARCH 26 - FULL BOARD MEETING
- 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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NOTES FROM OUR PRESIDENT: DR GARY ANDERSON



Every year about this time, you are asked aa meeting to buy some \$10 Sight and Hearing Sweepstakes tickets to support our Lions of Michigan Foundation. You may not realize it but as a Michigan Lion member, you are automatically members of two foundations. Our Lions International Foundation that provides grants for service and disaster relief all the world is probably familiar to most of you.

The second foundation is our Lions of Michigan Foundation helps fill the gaps to cover some health care health costs for those in Michigan that cannot afford it. If a citizen has a medically needed procedure that the person cannot afford what their insurance does not pay, they can request financial help. A local club like ours has to give initial approval of the request. A Foundation trustee then determines if there is true financial need and then contacts the medical provider to see if they can get the medical fees reduced to a more manageable level. Once all is approved, the Foundation pays the bill.

The \$10 sweepstakes tickets are sold throughout the state. The big bonus back to the club that sells the tickets is that if we sell 100 or more tickets, we get \$5.00 back to our Grand Rapids Club for each ticket we sell. This is an easy way to raise \$500 for our charitable fund and to raise \$500 to help those in Grand Rapids that need extra assistance in the sight and hearing deficiency areas. Our club has 5-10 requests a year that we pass onto the Lions of Michigan Foundation for analysis and assistance.

I will have tickets at all of our meetings and of course I can mail them to you if you cannot come to the meetings.

Oh, I forgot to tell you that there are prizes in this sweepstakes. On May 18, 2024 a drawing will be held. **The Grand Prize ticket holder gets \$5,000.** There are 9 more winning tickets drawn, winning \$2,500, \$2,000, \$1,500, \$1,000, \$500, \$400, \$300, \$200, \$100.

If all 100 tickets go quickly, I can get more. Let's see what we can do to help those in need AND maybe have our winning ticket pulled. Call or email me for tickets.

Lions Changing the World,

Gary Anderson
President, Grand Rapids Lions Club 2022-2024
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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

SAVE THE DATE: DRIVE FOR VISION JUNE 17 2024

Save the date for
the Grand Rapids Lions Club
Drive for Vision 2.0
June 17 2024, Quailridge Ada MI.

Sponsorship and participation
options will be available soon on:
driveforvision.com



2024 USA/CANADA LIONS LEADERSHIP FORUM

SEPTEMBER 5-7 2024 LOUISVILLE, KY

The USA/Canada Forum is touted as "the largest and best Lions Club Leadership training event in world." With 1000s of Lions in attendance, this fun environment offers over 70 seminars on various leadership topics to assist and develop Lions Clubs in the US and Canada. Early Bird registration discounts and more info at:
<https://lionsforum.org/>



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LIONS MAGAZINE ONLINE

The Lions Clubs International magazine is a phenomenal way to keep up on the global impact of Lions worldwide.

This month's issue covers many ways Lions around the world are impacting their local communities. While we receive a copy in the mail with each new issue, did you know there is an online component as well?

The online version often builds on the stories found in the latest edition with videos and links for more articles and events.



YOU CAN EXPLORE THE LATEST EDITION ONLINE HERE: [LION MAGAZINE ONLINE](https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/lions-magazine-online)

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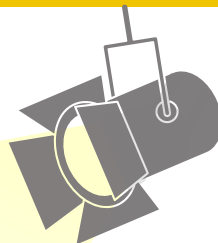


- **Online Videos:**
 - Online videos from all over the world. Always updated and on a variety of topics this site offers free presentation to Lions members:
 - <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/lions-video-center>
- **Lions Clubs International Blog:**
 - Here you can find the latest global stories featuring Lions from around the world helping others:
 - <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/blog>
- **Lions Magazine Digital Version:**
 - The full magazine with videos and in depth articles - all right online - plus you can read past issues! : [Lions Digital Magazine Latest Edition](#)
- **Lions University:**
 - Offering free online courses to round out and improve skills on leadership, motivation, conflict resolution and many more:
 - <https://lionsuniversity.org/>

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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

HIGHLIGHTING A MEMBER OF THE GRAND RAPIDS LIONS CLUB



Name: Jim Baird

Profession: Blind Rehabilitation Specialist, State of Michigan (Retired).

Years as a Lion: 13 Years

Spouse/family: Anne Baird

Do you hold positions within the club?

Past Director

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

JB: Having an opportunity to participate in the many service projects that the Lions sponsor.

I look forward every year to the Annual Holiday Shopping Event, volunteering for the Mission Trips and recently, the Sleep in Heavenly Peace Project for the underprivileged kids.

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

JB: Charity, Kindness and Service by helping others

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

JB: My favorite book is: Undaunted Courage. Favorite movie is: The Christmas Carol.

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

JB: I enjoy the outdoors year round. As the weather changes I change activities. Fishing, hunting, boating, skiing, golfing, hiking, backpacking.

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

JB: I am a skilled craftsman in various areas of woodworking and construction.

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

JB: Of the various places I have traveled Italy and Poland were favorites.

The top place on my travel bucket list would be to go to the Galápagos Islands.

My favorite meal is an old fashioned "farmers meal" of pot roast, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn and homemade bread. Made in the home, not a restaurant.

Most non-franchised restaurants are what I enjoy going to.

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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/>

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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>

“It was one of those March days when the sun shines hot and the wind blows cold: when it is summer in the light, and winter in the shade.”

— Charles Dickens



- BOB YOUNGER 3/6
- KEVIN CARLSON 3/7
- TIM TUTHILL 3/9
- JAMES BAIRD 3/18
- TONY ZOELLNER 3/20
- ANN ZOELLNER 3/27

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