



GRAND RAPIDS LIONS CLUB

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MARCH/APRIL 2024

Join us as "We Serve" together!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **MARCH 26 - FULL BOARD MEETING**
- **APRIL 2 - LUNCH MEETING!**
 - LUNCH MEETING - HOLIDAY INN DOWNTOWN
 - ADDRESS: 310 PEARL ST NW, GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49504
 - RSVP TO CHERYL BY 12 NOON, FRIDAY, MARCH 29 2024
 - NOTE: IF YOU RSVP AND THEN NEED TO CANCEL, SUNDAY NIGHT IS THE LATEST TO CANCEL & THE CLUB WILL NOT GET CHARGED
- **APRIL 16 - LUNCH MEETING!**
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- **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



Cheryl and I just returned from 10 days in the United Kingdom, presenting, teaching, eating, touring, listening, enjoying hospitality, exploring, learning, making new friends with Lions from all over England, Wales and Ireland. This experience reinforced what I have learned as I have experienced Lionism outside of our local area. Lions are the same all over the world.

They want to make a difference in someone's life that is in need. They enjoy the new friendships they make that crosses all the borders of language, religion, politics, diet, gender and ethnicity. It sounds simple, but Lions are Lions. When you meet a new Lion from somewhere else, you will find that you have so much in common.

We saw different service projects being done that were far reaching and life changing for the recipients. One amazing project that the Lions have covered all the UK with is **"Lions Message in a Bottle"**.

"Lions Message in a Bottle" is a simple idea that encourages people to keep their medical and personal details in a common place where they can be found in an emergency. A bottle is supplied which contains a pre-printed form and two stickers. The form is filled out by the user or family members. The form clearly identifies the patient, including a photograph, basic medical information, where prescribed medicines are kept in the house, emergency contact numbers, allergies, etc.

The form is put in the bottle and stored in the refrigerator. One of the green cross stickers is put on the refrigerator door and the other is put on the inside of the front door.

All emergency services will be trained to look for the stickers when they arrive at a house and consequently the very distinctive plastic bottle in the refrigerator. If a patient is taken to the hospital, the bottle can be taken with them.

In the British Isles, this has had tremendous success as it gives older or more vulnerable people more confidence about their treatment in an emergency. It also gives peace of mind to relatives and friends that essential information is available in an emergency.

"Lions Message in a Bottle". Is there an unmet need in Grand Rapids that we could add this as a new, innovative service project? **What do YOU think? PLEASE LET ME KNOW YOUR THOUGHTS.**

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/>



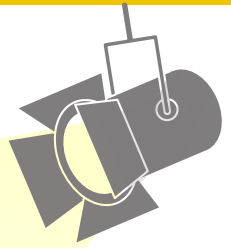
Louisville!



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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

HIGHLIGHTING A MEMBER OF THE GRAND RAPIDS LIONS CLUB



Name: Bob Younger

Profession: Retired from Educational Sales in 2017

Years as a Lion: I became a Lion Jan 2020

Spouse/family: Mary

Do you hold positions within the club?

I'm currently finishing up the position of Director

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

BY: The comradery of the group and the opportunity to help those most in need visually.

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

BY: Service, Friendships, and aid

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

BY: Because I was in sales, Indiana Jones. Nothing usually goes as it's planned so the ability to think & react on the go epitomizes the character.

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

BY: Golf, "putz in the year" and enjoy a cold beer on the deck after a day of work!

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

BY: If I told you, then it wouldn't be a secret anymore.

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

BY: I enjoy going to play golf in warmer climates when cold in MI so no real bucket list. Food? - unfortunately, I love it!



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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>

“When spring came, even the false spring,
there were no problems
except where to be happiest.”

— Ernest Hemingway

Happy Birthday!

BOB YOUNGER 3/6

KEVIN CARLSON 3/7

TIM TUTHILL 3/9

JAMES BAIRD 3/18

TONY ZOELLNER 3/20

ANN ZOELLNER 3/27

JEFF DODSON 4/7

JEAN KRAAI 4/18

GAIL JUNOD 4/24

JACQUELINE SMART-PARRISH 4/24



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