



#### **APRIL 2024**

Join us as "We Serve" together!

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- APRIL 16 LUNCH MEETING!
  - **OUNCH MEETING HOLIDAY INN DOWNTOWN**
  - ADDRESS: 310 PEARL ST NW, GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49504
  - RSVP TO CHERYL BY 12 NOON, FRIDAY, APRIL 12 2024
  - NOTE: IF YOU RSVP AND THEN NEED TO CANCEL, SUNDAY NIGHT IS THE LATEST TO CANCEL & THE CLUB WILL NOT GET CHARGED
- APRIL 23 EXEC BOARD MEETING
- MAY 4 SOCIAL NIGHT GRAND RAPIDS RISE (WOMENS PRO VOLLEYBALL)
- MAY 16-18TH MULTIPLE DISCTRICT CONVENTION SAVE THE DATE!
  - LEARN MORE HERE:
    - HTTPS://WWW.LIONSOFMI.COM/INDEX.PHP/MD11CONVENTION-23/MD11-STATE-CONVENTION-MAY-2023
- JUNE 11 ANNUAL MEETING AT WATERMARK DETAILS TO FOLLOW
- JUNE 17 DRIVE FOR VISION CHARITY GOLF OUTING





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#### NOTES FROM OUR PRESIDENT: DR GARY ANDERSON



A quick reminder about the opportunity we have to help others in need through our Lions of Michigan Foundation and a way to help our club. Last month I promoted the Lions of Michigan Foundation Raffle tickets for sale for \$10 each. If we, as a club, sell 100 tickets, we get \$5 each ticket returned to our club funds. Each ticket purchased also has a chance in the drawing to win \$5,000, \$2,500, \$2,000, \$1,500, \$1,000, \$500, \$400, \$300, \$200, \$100. One ticket has 10 chances to win! I have a commitment for 20 tickets and I have 80 left.



If I can 8 members to commit to 10 tickets or 16 of you to buy 5 tickets, we can reach 100. Checks should be written out to Lions of Michigan Foundation. This is considered a donation as the Foundation is a 501-C3. I would love to wrap this up by the end of April so stubs can be sent in

Please contact me by text, email or verbally with how many tickets you want.

Thank you from the people in need that will be served with these funds.



Gary Anderson

President, Grand Rapids Lions Club 2022-2024 ga@andersoneye.com | cell: 616-460-2012

**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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### 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/







#### **CHERRY ST ANNUAL FUNDRAISER: MAY 8 2024 12-1PM**

Join Cherry Health Foundation's annual fundraising luncheon to learn about the ways access to health care in schools is keeping kids healthy. With traveling vision (yay, Lions!) and dental services plus inschool centers, Cherry Health is caring for our communities where we learn and live. The luncheon will take place on May 8 from 12-1 p.m. (doors open 11:30 a.m.) at Watermark Country Club, 1600 Galbraith Ave SE, Grand Rapids 49546. There is no cost to attend, but a request for support will be made for Cherry Health's mission of providing access to comprehensive health care, regardless of ability to pay.



Advanced registration is required by April 23 at bit.ly/strength24.

# NOTE THE NEW MAILING ADDRESS FOR LIONS!!!!

When mailing in items such as donations and other correspondences please note the **NEW** mailing address:





## **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



#### **WHO WAS MELVIN JONES?**

FOUNDER OF LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL



**Name:** Melvin Jones (January 13, 1879 – June 1, 1961)

**Profession:** Insurance Sales, Lions Clubs International Founder

**Years as a Lion:** 1917-1961

We hear the name Melvin Jones a lot in the club and at Lion functions; including an annual award that bears his name. How many of us really know that much about Melvin Jones and the history of Lions Clubs International?

Known as the father of all Lions Clubs, Melvin Jones had quite a history before founding the international humanitarian organization known today at Lions Clubs International. In celebration of his birthday January 13 1879, watch this wonderful video Lions Clubs International has assembled on Melvin Jones.



To watch the video you can click the above image or watch it on youtube: <a href="https://youtu.be/mETBeW4Y61c">https://youtu.be/mETBeW4Y61c</a>

# 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:
<a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/115990828419557">https://www.facebook.com/groups/115990828419557</a>

## **STATE LION NEWS**

To find out more about news in our Michigan Lions visit: http://lionsofmi.com/



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To find out more about news in Lions International visit: <a href="https://lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/lions-events-calendar">https://lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/lions-events-calendar</a>



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We have the perfect "site" to restore your sight .... For an interactive map visit: <a href="https://www.grandrapidslionsclub.org/glasses-drop-off/">https://www.grandrapidslionsclub.org/glasses-drop-off/</a>

"The sun was warm but the wind was chill. You know how it is with an April day. When the sun is out and the wind is still, You're one month on in the middle of May.

But if you so much as dare to speak, a cloud come over the sunlit arch,

And wind comes off a frozen peak, And you're two months back in the middle of March."

- Robert Frost

