



# GRAND RAPIDS LIONS CLUB

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## APRIL/MAY 2024

Join us as "We Serve" together!

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **APRIL 23 - EXEC BOARD MEETING**
- **APRIL 27 - SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE VOLUNTEER OPP**
  - **BUILD INFO AND SIGN UP HERE: [HTTPS://X.GLDN.IO/E/IT2LE1C8GIB](https://x.gldn.io/e/it2le1c8gib)**
- **MAY 4 - SOCIAL NIGHT - GRAND RAPIDS RISE (WOMENS PRO VOLLEYBALL)**
- **MAY 7 - LUNCH MEETING!**
  - **LUNCH MEETING - HOLIDAY INN DOWNTOWN**
  - **ADDRESS: 310 PEARL ST NW, GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49504**
  - **RSVP TO CHERYL BY 12 NOON, FRIDAY, MAY 3 2024**
  - **NOTE: IF YOU RSVP AND THEN NEED TO CANCEL, SUNDAY NIGHT IS THE LATEST TO CANCEL & THE CLUB WILL NOT GET CHARGED**
- **MAY 10 2024**
  - **11C1 CONVENTION (OUR DISTRICT) - LEARN MORE HERE:**
    - **COST: \$16 PAYABLE BY CHECK TO TREASURER EARL HOWELL**
    - **11197 BORDEN ROAD, HUBBARDSTON MI 48845**
    - **OR CALL 989-981-6795**
- **MAY 16-18TH - MULTIPLE DISTRICT CONVENTION**
  - **SAVE THE DATE!**
  - **MULTI DISTRICT CONVENTION: LEARN MORE HERE:**
    - **[HTTPS://WWW.LIONSOFMI.COM/INDEX.PHP/MDT1CONVENTION-24](https://www.lionsofmi.com/index.php/mdt1convention-24)**
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- **JUNE 11 - ANNUAL MEETING AT WATERMARK DETAILS TO FOLLOW**
- **JUNE 17 - DRIVE FOR VISION CHARITY GOLF OUTING**

# NOTES FROM OUR PRESIDENT: DR GARY ANDERSON



**I can use everyone's help.** On Friday May 10, 2024, we are holding our District 11-C1 convention in Muskegon from 5:00-9:00PM. For those that have never attended a District Convention, the event consists of: dinner provided by the Ravenna Lions (pulled pork and all the fixings), Memorial Service for deceased Lions this year, presentation by our Past International Director Jenny Ware from the UP, game show on Lions trivia, elections for next year's leaders, and awards for outstanding contributions this past year.

## **The last two areas are where I need your help.**

Cheryl Anderson (our club Secretary and my partner in service) is running for the position of District Governor this coming Lions year. Our District had a large vacancy in leadership and Cheryl has volunteered to fill the need in this one-year position. It would be a great show of support if as many of our club members as possible could attend the convention and vote for Cheryl.

Also, we have a member who is receiving a very important leadership award. It would also be great if we had a large contingent at the convention to help celebrate receiving this award.

Please see the announcement of the convention this newsletter (page 5.) The cost is \$18 for attending the convention, including dinner. Our club pays this cost for our members to attend. Please let Cheryl or me know if you plan to attend and we will register you. Looking forward to spending the evening with you on the LST 333 in Muskegon.

\*\*\*\* Arrive at 4:00pm for a free tour of the ship\*\*\*\*

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](mailto:JohnRiceOnline@gmail.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!*



Louisville 2024  
SEPTEMBER 5-7, 2024



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# 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 in-school 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.

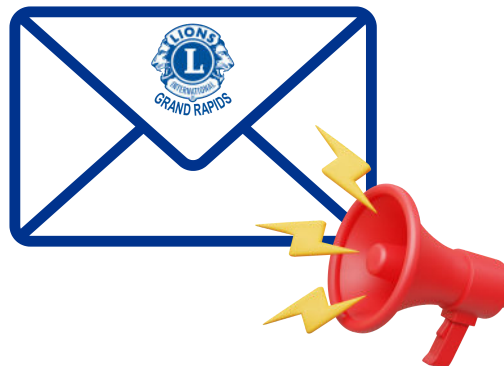


Advanced registration is required by April 23 at [bit.ly/strength24](https://bit.ly/strength24).

**NEW**

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

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



**Grand Rapids Lions Club**  
**5110 28th St SE Suite 1029**  
**Grand Rapids, MI 49512**

## 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](https://driveforvision.com)



### NUDA VERITAS

# 11-C1 DISTRICT CONVENTION MAY 10 2024 4PM



*SAVE THE DATE: FRIDAY MAY 10, 2024*

*11-C1 DISTRICT CONVENTION*

*ABOARD THE USS LST 333*

**560 Mart St. Muskegon, MI 49440**

## *FEATURING:*

- OUR SPEAKER PID JENNY WARE
- DOORS OPEN AT 4 PM –  
(IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO TOUR THE SHIP)
- PROGRAM BEGINS AT 5 PM
- DINNER (BY RAVENNA LIONS CLUB)
- BUSINESS MEETING
- MEMORIAL SERVICE
- ELECTIONS
- 11-C1 DISTRICT AWARDS  
ROD PRYS AWARD  
GRANDVILLE & BETTY CUTLER AWARD



*Reach out  
to Cheryl*

**COST: \$18** Payable by check to Treasurer Earl Howell  
11197 Borden Road, Hubbardston MI 48845

Or call 989-981-6795 **Deadline: May3 or \$10 late fee**

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# MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

HIGHLIGHTING A MEMBER OF THE GRAND RAPIDS LIONS CLUB



**Name: Gardner Keith Crittenden** (Keith) - Gardner was my Mothers maiden name, Keith was my Fathers middle name.

"Gardeners know all the dirt"

**Profession:** Retired. Owner of Hannah Floral 1981/1968. Sales rep to the floral industry the next 15 years.

**Years as a Lion:** 55 yrs

**Spouse/family:** Widow - Clara passed in December of 2020

**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.**

**GKC:** So many memories- Tail twister Danny Palmatier, Holiday parties, Piano at weekly meetings, New Years reception, Strawberry festival. etc/etc

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

**GKC:** Giving to others in need, Sociability, Interest in civic and cultural events

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

**GKC:** Sound of Music, James Patterson novels , Dominoes

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

**GKC:** In my earlier years I would have said Gardening and singing. " Gardeners know all the dirt" Now it's relaxing i my recliner watching TV.

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

**GKC:** French, a few words which I learned at Ottawa Hills High and Floral Design and party planning.

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

**GKC:** 1) Florida to our condo in Bonita Springs, Florida - Sold it in 2019

2) Spain 3) Prime Rib or Meat Loaf



[GRANDRAPIDSLIONSCLUB.ORG](http://GRANDRAPIDSLIONSCLUB.ORG)

# JOIN US!

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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>

"The sun does not shine for a few trees and flowers,  
but for the wide world's joy."

— Henry Ward Beecher.

# Happy Birthday!

JEFF DODSON 4/7

JEAN KRAAI 4/18

GAIL JUNOD 4/24

JACQUELINE SMART-PARRISH 4/24

PAUL SULLIVAN 5/3

HARRY JONES 5/5

JIM KAISER 5/7

OSMAN KOROMA 5/14

ED THAUER, JR 5/24

KATHY OBERLIN 5/27

JEFF KRAAI 5/28

ANNA GODDARD 5/30

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