



# GRAND RAPIDS LIONS CLUB

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## JUNE/JULY 2025

STAY TUNED FOR UPCOMING EXCITING EVENTS!



## EYEGLOSS PICK UP HELP NEEDED

Lion Brad Tooker is helping to coordinate the eyeglass pickup at various locations around the city.

These glasses are CRITICAL to the success of the eyeglass recycling program and the primary source for the eyeglasses used in our mission trips.

Once a month the locations accepting donations need the eyeglasses collected. Several Lions have graciously volunteered to assist, but there are a few locations that are in need of assistance.

- Walmart - 54<sup>th</sup> St SW
- Premier Family Eyecare 6748 Kalamazoo Ave
- RX Optical 6143 Kalamazoo Ave
- Caledonia Vision Center 9809 Cherry Valley Ave SE
- Signature Eyecare 6290 Jupiter Ave NE #A

NOTE: These sites would only need a pick-up about once a month 😊

Please reach out to Brad Tooker:  
bradtoker1@gmail.com | (989) 640-6473



## 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.



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# 2025 ANNUAL MEETING SUMMARY

On Tuesday June 10, 2025, our club gathered for the Annual Meeting. This year's event was hosted at Watermark Country Club where all enjoyed an evening of celebration. Board Chair, Dr. Gary Anderson and President, Kyle Travis, lead the evening's events. The annual meeting traditionally serves as our opportunity to install new officers to the board, honor award winners, and set the tone for the year to come. You can read the recap from Secretary Cheryl Anderson here:

<https://www.grandrapidslionsclub.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/06/Annual-Dinner-Recap-2025.pdf>

Here are a few of the recognitions:

## 2025-2026 Officers and Directors Installed:

Chairmen of the Board	Gary Anderson
President	Kyle Travis
Vice President	Jim Schuyler
Treasurer	Don Jakel
Secretary	Cheryl Anderson
Membership	John Rice
Tail Twister	Jamie Junod

## Officers and Directors Retiring:

Treasurer	Drew Wessell
Director	Bob Younger
Director	Joe Annoreno

## New Members 24-25

Brad Tooker  
 Brianne Jurs  
 Jay Crank

## New Directors:

Brad Tooker  
 Kelly Phelps

## Existing Directors:

Dr. Meagan Baker – Board Director  
 Tim Tuthill– Board Director  
 Shelley Irwin– Board Director  
 Anne Baird – Board Director

## Century Club Member (those who have gifted more than \$25,000 to the club's Foundation)

Kim and Pam Gary  
 Mark and Kathy Oberlin  
 Scott and Mary Brady  
 Rick and Cindy Walker  
 Pat and Kathy Mullen  
 Ed and Karen Thauer  
 Rob and Lynda Lalley  
 Lynn and Vicki Francis

## Legacy Member (those who have add the club's Foundation as a beneficiary in their estate)

Gary and Cheryl Anderson  
 Rick and Cindy Walker  
 Scott and Mary Brady  
 Lynn and Vicki Francis  
 Kim and Pam Gary  
 Pat and Kathy Mullen  
 John and Ashley Rice  
 Ed and Karen Thauer  
 Mark and Kathy Oberlin

## 2025 Award Winners

### Joseph Trenshaw Rookie of the Year

Brad Tooker

### Lion of the Year

bob Younger

### Henry Voet Lifetime Achievement Award

Don Jakel

(The Grand Rapids Lions Club Highest Honor)

### Melvin Jones Fellowship

Ed Thauer

Kathy Oberlin

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# Drive for Vision<sup>2.0</sup>



A GRAND RAPIDS  
LIONS CLUB EVENT

Thank you to all who participated in this year's Drive For Vision!

The sun was bright and the wind was just right!

Together we were able to raise more funds to assist our 2 main charities for the event:

Association for the Blind & Visually Impaired and the  
Grand Rapids Lions Club Vision Clinic at Cherry Health.

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Dr. Gindzin & Dr. Parekh"

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## **Prize & Player Gift Donors**

Costco	Cooper's Hawk Winery
Fenn Valley	& Restaurant
Vineyards	Kim Gary
Golf Galaxy	David Klein
Schuil Coffee	PGA Superstore

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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>



## 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>

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/>

"Keep your face to the sunshine  
and you cannot see the shadows."

— Helen Keller

# Happy Birthday!

Pat Droste 6/4  
Steve Mulder 6/4  
Jamie Junod 6/16  
Rick Bolhuis 6/21  
Jeremy Knoester 6/22  
Sherah Eavey 7/1  
Steve Oberlin 7/2  
Bill Fleetham 7/5  
Rob Lalley, Jr 7/5

Pat Mullen 7/6  
Cheryl Anderson 7/9  
Meagan Baker 7/9  
Scott Brady 7/18  
Bob Snyders 7/18  
Rick Stevens 7/25  
Ryan Smith 7/25  
Shawn Eyestone 7/29



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