



Recap of Annual Meeting
June 10, 2025
Watermark Country Club

Meeting was called to order at 6:16pm by President Kyle Travis with the pledge of allegiance. Lion Tim Tuthill gave the prayer. Dinner was served.

After dinner, Chairman Gary Anderson gave a year in review report. He listed the events from the past year, how many hours of service the club had recorded and the monies collected and donated to various charities.

Gary Anderson recognized the two Grand Rapids Board members, Joe Annoreno and Bob Younger. He also introduced the two new board members, Brad Tooker and Kelly Phelps who not able to be with us.

Our new Grand Rapids Lions Treasurer, Don Jakel, was introduced and recognized.

Past President Kim Gary gave a Grand Rapids Club Foundation report. Kim spoke on the two different foundations, The Legacy Foundation and the Flex Foundation. Kim recognized the 2nd Century Club Lions that have donated \$25,000 and the Legacy Lion those have declared a donation at the end of their life. Kim also spoke on the Memorial Giving Fund. Members commit to a \$100 memorial donation upon the death of a Lions Club member or spouse. This charitable contribution can be set up one time with a credit card, debit card or a bank account ACH and is good until you wish to cancel.

Pres Kyle spoke on the new club meeting days that the board agreed upon. There will now be one meeting a month with a service and social meeting that month as well. The luncheon business meeting will still be held on the GVSU Campus the first Tuesday of the month. He next presented the costs to run the club and how it affects our dues. Kyle then presented the new dues structure. The new structure for dues is changing to all members pay \$300 annually. Every member will be charged for lunches as they come to the luncheon meeting. If there is a problem with paying the full amount, you can work out a plan with our treasurer, Don Jakel.

Lion Brad Tooker asked the club for help with picking up eyeglasses in Byron Center, Kentwood and Wyoming. If you could help with these pickup areas to please contact Brad.

Lion Kathy Oberlin spoke on a project close to her heart in Uganda, Africa. The Grand Rapids Lions have helped with buying sewing machines in the past so the women/girls could make sanitary items and clothing for themselves. This allows the girls to stay in school and not be pushed into early marriages or prostitution. The new project Kathy is proposing is to help buy land for \$9,000 and build a building. The total cost is approx. \$20,000. She explained that this building would give the ladies a place to work, sell their items as well as a place for disabled people to stay in. She has created a way to donate through the Lions of Michigan to receive a tax deduction. See Kathy with any questions, comments or donations to this project.

Chairman Gary Anderson gave out the club awards:

Rookie of the Year – Brad Tooker

Lion of the Year – Bob Younger

Melvin Jones Recipients – Kathy Oberlin & Ed Thauer

Henry Voet Award – Don Jakel.

Pres Kyle thanked everyone for coming. Meeting was adjourned

Respectfully Submitted,

Lion Chery Anderson

Grand Rapids Lions Club Secretary

***** (Pictures Below)

**Melvin Jones Recipients 2025
Ed Thauer & Kathy Oberlin**





**Lion of the Year
Bob Younger**

**Rookie of the Year
Brad Tooker**



**Henry Voet Winner 2025
Lion Don Jakel**

