



GRAND RAPIDS LIONS CLUB

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WELCOME TO OUR SUMMER EDITION! THIS IS THE FIRST IN OUR 2025-26 YEAR.

FURTHER IN THE NEWSLETTER IS THE CALENDAR FOR THE YEAR AS IT STANDS THUS FAR. BELOW ARE THE UPCOMING EVENTS IN SEPTEMBER 😊 MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **SEPTEMBER 2: 12NOON- 1:30PM LUNCH**
 - GVSU DOWNTOWN
 - RSVP TO CHERYL 1 WEEK BEFORE:
 - [CLICK BELOW TO RSVP BY AUGUST 26](#)
 - ANDERSOC@GVSU.EDU
- **SEPTEMBER 16 4-6PM: SOCIAL EVENT**
 - NEW HOLLAND BREWERY| GRAB A BREW AND GAB
 - RSVP DETAILS TO FOLLOW
- **SEPTEMBER 18 12-2PM: SERVICE OPPORTUNITY**
 - KIDS FOOD BASKET
 - RSVP TO KELLY PHELPS: KPHELPS1123@GMAIL.COM OR CALL/TEXT: 616-260-9108



NOTES FROM OUR PRESIDENT: KYLE TRAVIS



Fellow Lions,

Happy Summer & Happy New Year (for Lions)!

We enter our 2025-26 year, with an exciting new schedule. As previewed at the annual meeting last month, the Service & Social committees have been hard at work crafting many new and exciting events. Please see the enclosed calendar – we published this well in advance in hopes that we could collectively ‘save the date’ for these gatherings.

This version of the newsletter is also the first to feature our club sponsors for the 2025-26 year. As you’ll recall from our annual meeting presentation, these sponsorships help cover the costs of our added service and social events, allowing us to keep our membership costs as low as possible, while offering members more opportunities.

What an exciting time to be a Grand Rapids Lion, as we embark on these changes. I look forward to seeing many of you at our first lunch meeting: September 2nd @ GVSU, where we’ll officially launch into a great new year together!

In lionism,

Kyle Travis
Grand Rapids Lions Club President 2024-2026
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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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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 - 54th 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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**GRAND RAPIDS
LIONS CLUB**

2025/2026

CALENDAR

WE SERVE.

SEPTEMBER:

LUNCH | 1ST TUESDAY 12:00-1:30PM | GVSU DOWNTOWN
SERVICE OPPORTUNITY | KIDS FOOD BASKET SEPTEMBER 18 12-2PM
SOCIAL EVENT | GRAB A BREW AND GAB NEW HOLLAND BREWERY | SEPT 16 4-6 PM

OCTOBER:

LUNCH | 1ST TUESDAY 12:00-1:30PM | GVSU DOWNTOWN
SERVICE OPPORTUNITY | ROCKFORD EYEGLASS RECYCLING HELP NEEDED | DATE TBD
SOCIAL EVENT: BOWLING IN LATE OCT AT NORTHFIELD LANES ON A DATE TO BE CLEARED WITH THE ALLEY

NOVEMBER:

LUNCH | 1ST TUESDAY 12:00-1:30PM | GVSU DOWNTOWN
SERVICE OPPORTUNITY | NOVEMBER 18 2025 5-7PM | ABVI NEEDS OUR HELP

DECEMBER:

LUNCH | 1ST TUESDAY 12:00-1:30PM | GVSU DOWNTOWN
SERVICE OPPORTUNITY | KIDS HOLIDAY SHOPPING | DECEMBER 6
SOCIAL EVENT | HOLIDAY SOCIAL AT BLYTHEFIELD | DECEMBER 6

JANUARY:

LUNCH | 1ST TUESDAY 12:00-1:30PM | GVSU DOWNTOWN
SERVICE OPPORTUNITY | VILLAGE WATER FILTERS | DATE TBD
SOCIAL EVENT | GRIFFS OR RISE GAME | DATE TBD BASED ON GAME DAYS

FEBRUARY:

LUNCH | 1ST TUESDAY 12:00-1:30PM | GVSU DOWNTOWN
SERVICE OPPORTUNITY | KIDS FOOD BASKET | DATE TBD

MARCH :

LUNCH | 1ST TUESDAY 12:00-1:30PM | GVSU DOWNTOWN
SERVICE OPPORTUNITY | VILLAGE WATER FILTERS | DATE TBD
SOCIAL EVENT | CULINARY PRESENTATION AT GRCC | DATE TBD

APRIL:

LUNCH | 1ST TUESDAY 12:00-1:30PM | GVSU DOWNTOWN
SERVICE OPPORTUNITY | ABVI NEEDS OUR HELP | APRIL 2 2026 10AM-12NOON
SOCIAL EVENT | MICHIGAN BEER TASTING WITH ALLIANCE BEVERAGE | DATE TBD

MAY:

LUNCH | 1ST TUESDAY 12:00-1:30PM | GVSU DOWNTOWN
SERVICE OPPORTUNITY | ROCKFORD EYEGLASS RECYCLING HELP NEEDED | DATE TBD

JUNE:

ANNUAL DINNER | AWARDS / OFFICER INSTALLATION | DATE TBD

JULY/AUGUST:

SOCIAL EVENT | PICNIC AND GOLF OUTING | DATE TBD

* ACTUAL DATES AND TIMES MAY VARY.

LUNCHES WILL BE BILLED WHEN ATTENDED OR CAN BE BILLED ANNUALLY - YOUR CHOICE.

SOME SOCIAL EVENTS BEYOND THE ANNUAL DINNER AND HOLIDAY SOCIAL YOU CAN CHOOSE TO BUY YOUR OWN DRINK/FOOD ETC.

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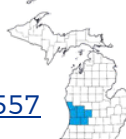
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DISTRICT 11-C1 NEWS

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<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.grandrapid.slionsclub.org/glasses-drop-off/>

"Those who are happiest
are those who do the most for others."

— Booker T. Washington

Happy Birthday!

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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