



#### SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER 2025

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE THESE GREAT UPCOMING EVENTS!

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- OCTOBER 2: PROJECTS NIGHT
  - THE ROCKFORD SPORTSMANS CLUB
    - 1115 NORTHLAND DRIVEE NE. ROCKFORD 49341
    - MORE INFORMATION WILL BE FORTH COMING.
- OCTOBER 7: 12NOON- 1:30PM LUNCH
  - **OUTPUT**
  - RSVP TO CHERYL 1 WEEK BEFORE:
  - CLICK BELOW TO RSVP BY SEPTEMBER 30 12 NOON
  - ANDERSOC@GVSU.EDU
- OCTOBER 8: ABVI'S CRAFTING VISION MEIJER GARDENS
  - MORE INFO
    - HTTPS://WWW.ABVIMI.ORG/ABVI-CRAFTING-VISION/
- ADDITIONAL ACITIVIES WITH DETAILS COMING VIA EMAIL:
  - **OCTOBER VOLUNTEERING AT THE EYEGLASS CENTER** 
    - WE ARE CURRENTLY COORDINATING A TIME WITH THE ROCKFORD LIONS CLUB FOR OCTOBER AND WILL SEND AN EMAIL ONCE CONFIRMED
  - **OUR SOCIAL EVENT: BOWLING AT NORTHFIELD LANES** 
    - DATE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW VIA EMAIL :)





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#### **NOTES FROM OUR PRESIDENT: KYLE TRAVIS**



Fellow Lions.

We're now just a few weeks into our club's new fiscal year, and we've 'hit the ground running'. We had an intriguing speaker for our September luncheon, a great service opportunity at Kids Food Basket and capped it off with a great social time at New Holland Brewery last week (see the pictures on pages 6). I hope you're enjoying our new schedule.

#### A couple notes on this:

These added service and social events are supported by our 'Club Sponsors' (see page 7). These sponsors are highlighted in the newsletter throughout the year. And while we're now a few weeks into the year, its not too late to add your support. We've reached our goal of 6 sponsorships, but that doesn't mean we need to stop.....the more the merrier! If interested, please contact myself or John Rice. We'd love to add more sponsorships, and more to the social/service budget!



- · October 2<sup>nd</sup> Projects Night @ Rockford Sportsman's Club
- · October 7<sup>th</sup> Luncheon Meeting @ GVSU
- October 8<sup>th</sup> ABVI's Crafting Vision event @ Meijer Gardens

I look forward to seeing many of you at these various club events.

On a somber note, many of you saw the news of Mary Brady's passing last week. Mary was very involved in our the eyeglass recycling program & mission trips for decades. Her countless hours of service improved the lives of so many. Of course, that can be said for much of Mary's life – she was dedicated to serving others & will be missed by so many. She truly embodied the Lions Club motto: "We Serve". Please join me in keeping the Brady family in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.



Yours in lionism,



Kyle Travis Grand Rapids Lions Club President 2024-2026 Travis.kd@gmail.com | 616-635-4242

#### **LIONS PINS AND LIONS GEAR: WANT SOME?**

Have you been searching way too hard for your Lions pin? Pins are available at the lunch meetings for \$5 cash. Or if you prefer to order them online you can find them at the Lions website online (link below.) In addition to pins the online store offers several ways to show off your Lion Pride  $\bigcirc$ 

Grand Rapids Lions Logo wear: A few years ago many Grand Rapids Lions elected to purchase a  $\frac{1}{2}$  zip or polo shirt with the Grand Rapids Lions Club logo on it.

We are considering ordering again, so if you missed the first round or would like another apparel option - reach out! Feel free to let me (johnriceonline@gmail.com) or Cheryl Anderson (andersoc@gvsu.edu) know:



## IN MEMORIAM: MARY BRADY (LION SCOTT BRADY'S WIFE)



In honor of the passing of Mary Brady:

- Mary served with the Lions for years by the side of her husband, Lion Scott Brady
- Mary served in several capacities with our club locally and internationally through the Eyeglass Recycling, Mission Trips and social events and more.
- Mary's obituary can be viewed at:
  - https://obits.mlive.com/us/obituaries/grandrapids/name/marybrady-obituary?id=59479406



# JOIN US 2025/2025

#### WE SERVE.

#### SEPTEMBER:

LUNCH | 1<sup>ST</sup> TUESDAY 12:00-1:30PM | GVSU DOWNTOWN SERVICE OPPORTUNITY | KIDS FOOD BASKET SEPTEMBER 8 12-2PM SOCIAL EVENT | GRAB A BREW AND GAB NEW HOLLAND BREWERY | SEPT 16 4-6 PM OCTOBER:

LUNCH | 1<sup>ST</sup> TUESDAY 12:00-1:30PM | GVSU DOWNTOWN SERVICE OPPORTUNITY | ROCKFORD EYEGLASS RECYCLING HELP NEEDED | DATE TBD **NOVEMBER:** 

LUNCH | 1<sup>ST</sup> TUESDAY 12:00-1:30PM | GVSU DOWNTOWN SERVICE OPPORTUNTTY | NOVEMBER 18 2025 5-7PM | ABVI NEEDS OUR HELP SOCIAL EVENT: BOWLING AT NORTHFIELD LANES ON A DATE TO BE CLEARED WITH THE ALLEY **DECEMBER:** 

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

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

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

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

LUNCH | 1<sup>ST</sup> 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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## **PROJECTS NIGHT: OCT 2**

Have you ever wanted to learn about the various Lions projects around the district or state?

Here is your opportunity to learn in just 6 minutes, yes, like speed dating but this is speed learning about any or all the district/state projects in one place.

There is a dinner (cash bar) and silent auction too.

It will again be held at the Rockford Sportsman's Club:

1115 Northland Drivee NE. Rockford 49341

RSVP by Sept 24<sup>th</sup>:

https://www.grandrapidslionsclub.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/Projects-Night-registration.pdf-R-2025.pdf



## **CRAFTING VISION 2025: OCTOBER 8**

Date: Wednesday, October 8, 2025

Time: 6:00 - 9:00 PM

Location: Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park

1000 East Beltline Ave NE Grand Rapids, MI 49525

Join us for an evening of delicious hors d'oeuvres and specialty drinks, featuring a strolling dinner with a variety of appetizers. Enjoy meaningful connections, all while making a lasting impact.

Attire: Business Casual

**Purchase Tickets** 

Secure Your Sponsorship Online

**Donate Online** 

For sponsorship and event questions, please contact:

Tim Tuthill at Tim.Tuthill@maryfreebed.com or (616) 840-7177

Learn more online:

https://www.abvimi.org/abvi-crafting-vision/

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## **SEPTEMBER SOCIAL EVENT RECAP: SEPTEMBER 16**

Fun was had by all at the September social event.

September 16: New Holland Brewing Co



























#### **NUDA VERITAS**

## LIONS: THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS!

Thank you to our sponsors! Your generous support helps our club and our community!

## SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIP SPONSORS

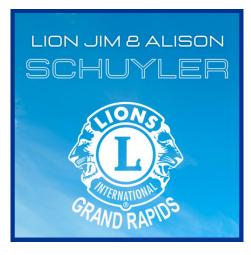














# LIONS: BE IN THE KNOW

#### **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: <a href="http://lionsofmi.com/">http://lionsofmi.com/</a>



## LIONS INTERNATIONAL @

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>



Curious about eyeglass recycling locations around town?
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>

"Be true to yourself. Make each day a masterpiece. Help others. Drink deeply from good books. Make friendship a fine art. Build a shelter against a rainy day."

— John Wooden



David Klein 9/28 Tom Murphy 9/28 Jonse Young 9/29

