



# GRAND RAPIDS LIONS CLUB

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## NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2025

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE THESE GREAT UPCOMING EVENTS!

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- NOVEMBER 25: EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING: 12NOON
- NOVEMBER 27: HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!!!
- DECEMBER 2: 12NOON- 1:30PM LUNCH
  - GVSU DOWNTOWN
- ON THE HORIZON:
  - KIDS HOLIDAY SHOPPING: **\*\*CANCELLED!!!!\*\***
- HOLIDAY SOCIAL: SATURDAY DECEMBER 13
  - ARRIVAL/SOCIAL: 6:00 PM | DINNER: 7:00 PM
    - PROGRAM TO FOLLOW
  - RSVP TO KIM GARY WITH RESERVATION AND CHOICE OF:
    - PLEASE EMAIL [KIMLGARY55@GMAIL.COM](mailto:KIMLGARY55@GMAIL.COM)
    - BY DECEMBER 5
    - CHICKEN, SALMON OR VEGAN
    - MEMBERS: NO CHARGE - GUESTS \$50
      - CASH BAR W TICKETS AT THE DOOR
  - FULL DETAILS AND INVITE FURTHER IN  
(AND SENT TO YOU VIA EMAIL)



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# NOTES FROM OUR PRESIDENT: KYLE TRAVIS



Fellow Lions,

As we enter the final months of my Presidency, I want to make-good on a commitment I made to Cheryl Anderson: to help find her replacement as Club Secretary. Cheryl agreed to continue her club duties during my tenure as President. Mind you, this was while she took on the role of District Governor!! As my time with the gavel enters its final 7 months or so, I'd like to get the word out more formally:

If you're interested in taking on a bigger role in the club & would like to find out more about this paid position, please let myself or Cheryl know. We'd love the opportunity to help Cheryl 'retire' and I'm sure this could be done in a transitional phase with Cheryl helping 'pass the baton' over time.

Please join me in thanking Cheryl for her continued commitment to our club & help me identify our next Club Secretary!

Yours in lionism,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kyle Travis". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending from the end of the name.

Kyle Travis  
Grand Rapids Lions Club President 2024-2026  
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# UPDATE ON HOLIDAY SHOPPING: CANCELLED!

In April of this year, the building and funding for Base Camp Urban Development Ministries (a 501C3 non profit) was eliminated and the building was shut down. This is where most of our kids came from for the Holiday Shopping event at Meijer.

Due to unforeseen circumstances beyond our control and various parties involved - a decision had to be made in our role and use of funding for the Holiday Shopping Event this year.

The GR Lions Club Board of Directors and Holiday Event Committee suggested exploring other organizations to allocate funding earmarked for this event. Two of the organizations that Cherry Health has worked with were reviewed and it was recommended that these organizations be contacted.

- i. Baxter Community Center addresses food insecurity connecting families with resources and continuing to focus on kids and their families to ensure a better holiday season. Gift cards could be used to purchase holiday season baskets for this center.
- ii. Family Promise offers shelter to unhoused families and a variety of other resources. Christmas gifts we purchase could go a long way with these kids.

Our role would be a different structure this year, but our timeline is short and we are unable to collaborate with the organizations we have previously worked with in the past.

As a courtesy to you we needed to move forward, with the GR Lions Club Board approval and that of our sponsorship donors (Meijer and Advance Wealth Management Service) volunteers and other parties to let them know this information and the direction we will be going this year.

Thank you for your past participation, willingness to donate, serve and volunteer.

It is very much appreciated.

Anne & Jim Baird & Don Jakel

(A report will follow-up on organizations we will be participating with and the use of the gift cards and funding.)

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**NUDA VERITAS**

Get ready for a wonderful  
*Grand Rapids Lions Club*  
*Annual Holiday Celebration*

Saturday, December 13, 2025  
*Blythe Field Country Club*  
5801 Northland Dr NE Belmont, MI 49306

**Cost**

Free for members, \$50 for non-members

**Schedule of Events:**

6:00 PM Social Hour w/ Cash Bar-  
(Beer or wine) Bring Cash Or Check  
Drink Tickets Cost: \$7 each or 3 for \$20

7:00 PM Dinner: Dinner Choices:  
with Garlic mashed potatoes, Carrots  
1. Boursin Chicken  
2. Seared Salmon Fillet  
3. Seared Cauliflower Steak & Quinoa (Vegan)  
Dessert Apple Pie and Ice Cream

Following Dinner: 12 Days of Christmas & Raffle

Raffle tickets

1 ticket=\$5, 5=\$20, 20 = \$50, 50 = \$100

To help offset the cost, please bring a raffle prize or two!

\*\*\*RSVP to Kim Gary: [kimgary55@gmail.com](mailto:kimgary55@gmail.com) \*\*\*  
with your dinner choice (s) **no later THAN DEC 5!!!**

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# 2025/2026

## CALENDAR

### 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 OPPORTUNITY | 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  
SOCIAL EVENT | HOLIDAY SOCIAL AT BLYTHEFIELD | DECEMBER 13TH

**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 OPPORTUNITY | 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.

LUNCHESES 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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*Thank you!*

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“Practice kindness all day to everybody and you will realize you’re already in heaven now.”  
— Jack Kerouac

## Happy Birthday!

Brent Spoelstra 11/3  
Lynn Francis 11/4  
Thaddeus Phelps 11/9  
Erik Anderson 11/10  
Rick Walker 11/14  
Brad Tooker 11/27  
Ray Weidenfeller 11/29

Kyle Travis 12/4  
Eddie Kleinfeld 12/6  
Pam Van Overloop 12/9  
Tom Dandridge 12/21  
Jim Schulyer 12/27  
Aaron Plafkin 12/30



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