



# GRAND RAPIDS LIONS CLUB

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## NOVEMBER 2025

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE THESE GREAT UPCOMING EVENTS!

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **NOV 18: SERVICE PROJECT AT ABVI**
  - ABVI NEEDS OUR HELP!
  - 6-8PMPM RSVP TO KELLY PHELPS
    - EMAIL: [TKPHELPS@CHARTER.NET](mailto:TKPHELPS@CHARTER.NET)
    - OR TEXT: (616) 260-9108
  - WE ARE HELPING TO:
    - ORGANIZING CCTV
    - ORGANIZING THE KITCHEN
    - HELPING WITH A WAY TO STORE GLASSES FOR RECYCLING
- **NOVEMBER 25: EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING: 12NOON**
- **DECEMBER 2: 12NOON- 1:30PM LUNCH**
  - GVSU DOWNTOWN
  - RSVP TO CHERYL 1 WEEK BEFORE:
  - CLICK BELOW TO RSVP BY NOVEMBER 25 12 NOON
  - [ANDERSOC@GVSU.EDU](mailto:ANDERSOC@GVSU.EDU)
- **ON THE HORIZON:**
  - KIDS HOLIDAY SHOPPING: \*\*CANCELLED!!!!\*\*
- **HOLIDAY SOCIAL: DECEMBER 13TH**



REVIEW THE 2025-2026  
**CALENDAR**

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WE SERVE!

# NOTES FROM OUR PRESIDENT: KYLE TRAVIS



As you may have heard, we've had to pivot our annual 'Holiday Shopping' event this year due to some unexpected events.

A few months ago, the Base Camp Urban Development Ministries (the third party that vets and provides transportation for the children we host at the Holiday shopping event) lost their funding. Their non-profit status was eliminated and their physical location has been shut down. Because of the timing, and our reliance on the organization, we can no longer reasonably host the Holiday shopping event this year.

After 30+ years, I know this comes as sad news to many of us. Not to mention the impact on these children and their families.

I want to take a moment to thank Anne Baird & Don Jakel for their many years of spearheading this great event. This was not an easy decision to come to, but a necessary one given the timing of these circumstances. Rest assured, while our event won't happen in 2025 as originally planned, those \$'s will still be used to help children in West Michigan facing food and housing insecurity during this Holiday season.

We will continue to explore additional options and ways we might be able to bring back this Holiday Shopping event in 2026.

In the meantime, if you're looking for additional ways to get involved and support the community this holiday season, we have a wonderful service project upcoming on November 18<sup>th</sup> at ABVI. I hope to see many of you there!

Yours in lionism,

Kyle Travis  
Grand Rapids Lions Club President 2024-2026  
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# ABVI NEEDS OUR HELP!

JOIN US IN HELPING ABVI STAY ORGANIZED

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 18 6PM-8PM

RSVP TO KELLY PHELPS: [tkphelps@charter.net](mailto:tkphelps@charter.net)  
or text: (616) 260-9108

We will be helping ABVI with the following:

- Organizing CCTV
- Organizing the kitchen
- Helping with a way to store glasses for recycling

LOCATION:

ABVI: [456 Cherry S.E. | Grand Rapids, MI 49503](#)

**HELP  
NEEDED**



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- Online videos from all over the world. Always updated and on a variety of topics this site offers free presentation to Lions members:
  - <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/lions-video-center>

### • Lions Clubs International Blog:

- Here you can find the latest global stories featuring Lions from around the world helping others:
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- The full magazine with videos and in depth articles - all right online - plus you can read past issues! :
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# BOWLING REPORT

Event Report - 9 bowlers - Scott, Pam and Kim, Tom Dandridge, Brent and Mary Beth, Jean and Jeff, Rob enjoyed bowling. Linda and Tom's friend joined for a nice dinner. Scott had a terrific game of 197. Looked like a fun time had by all!



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JEFF	- 7 7	16	3 7	2 3	/ 8	/ 9	/ 7	/ 8	- 7/8		131
	7	15	24	33	51	70	87	105	113	131	
KIM	6 2 6	/ 6	2 7	1 7	/	X 7	/ 9	/	X XX7		176
	8	24	32	40	60	80	99	119	149	176	
Team	Team 3										504 504
Player	SCOTT										13.13

View the full report here:

<https://www.grandrapidslionsclub.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/GR-Lions-bowling-Social-Outing-11325.pdf>

# UPDATE ON HOLIDAY SHOPPING

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 (Meijers and Advance Wealth Mgmt & 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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LIONS CLUB**

# 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.

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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"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**



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