



GRAND RAPIDS LIONS CLUB

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE THESE GREAT UPCOMING EVENTS!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- HAPPY NEW YEAR!
- JANUARY 6: 12NOON- 1:30PM LUNCH
 - GVSU DOWNTOWN
 - RSVP FOR THIS NEXT MEETING WAS MOVED FORWARD TO DECEMBER 18TH (SENT VIA EMAIL) DUE TO GVSU ON BREAK. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND AND DID NOT YET RSVP PLEASE REACH OUT TO CHERYL TO CHECK ON ACCOMMODATIONS: ANDERSOC@GVSU.EDU
- JANUARY 13TH FROM 6 TO 8 P.M. VILLAGE WATER FILTER
 - VILLAGE WATER FILTERS: HELP NEEDED!
 - TEXT SHERAH EAVEY
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Happy New Year

REVIEW THE 2025-2026 CALENDAR

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WE SERVE!

NOTES FROM OUR PRESIDENT: KYLE TRAVIS



Dear Fellow Lions,

I wanted to make you aware of an opportunity: The 40th annual Sight and Hearing Sweepstakes Raffle!

As you may recall, this is an annual fundraiser from the Lions of Michigan Foundation. Funds raised from this raffle help provide vision and hearing services to Michigan Residents in need.

But this isn't just a fundraiser for the Lions of Michigan Foundation, its one for our club too – a portion of each ticket we sell comes back to our club. The more tickets we sell, the more money we raise for our club!

Don't forget – it's still a raffle too: the winning tickets will be drawn in May, and the top prize is \$5,000 (with a handful of additional, smaller winners).

I have tickets available for purchase. They are \$10 each & I'll have them with me at the January 6th lunch meeting. If they last long enough, I'll bring them to the February meeting as well.

Thank you for your support & good luck!

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 top of the "T".

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



FAMILY PROMISE GIFT GIVING UPDATE

Our Christmas Shopping Committee collaborated with the Family Promise of West Michigan Chapter to provide a temporary store to buy gifts for families who have housing challenges and may be living in temporary housing. Some 80 needy families got to shop at their annual Christmas Store Event which took place December 12, 2025.

Our participation involved meeting with the staff of Family Promise, shopping at Meijer for gifts ranging from household goods and personal items to children's toys, games and books. On December 6, we had six shoppers (Anne & Jim Baird, Megan Baker & her son, Tim Tuthill, and Don Jakel) who each bought about \$800 of those items along with 50 twenty dollar gift cards for a total of \$4,937. To offset the cost, we received a \$1,000 donation from Advance Wealth Management Service and \$1,000 from Meijer Stores. We had \$400 in gift cards left over from our 2024 Christmas Shopping Event as well. Therefore, we spent \$2,537 from our Charities Fund for the event.

Following the Meijer shopping, we transported the gifts to ABVI for temporary storage, then on December 11, we sent them to the church where the Christmas Store Event was held. Don Jakel attended that event to observe the families shopping for their children and for themselves. The cost to those families for each item purchased ranged from 50 cents to \$3.00. Their children got to play games and other activities like face painting and got to sit on Santa's lap while their parents shopped. Following shopping, they had dinner in the cafe. Many other individuals and organizations also donated gifts to the event. Another organization donated bikes for many of the children.

It was very inspiring to observe these needy families get to participate in Christmas somewhat like we do. Family Promise will provide us with photos and a video of the event in the near future.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne & Jim Baird, Megan Baker and Don Jakel

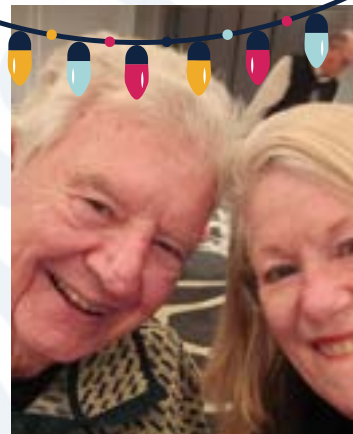
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HOLIDAY SOCIAL SUMMARY

December 13 2025 Blythefield Country Club: The Holiday Social was full of great food, laughter, a really fun raffle and a heartfelt group sing of 12 Days of Christmas.



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LIONS CLUB**

2025/2026

CALENDAR

WE SERVE.

SEPTEMBER:

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

NOVEMBER:

LUNCH | 1ST 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 | 1ST TUESDAY 12:00-1:30PM | GVSU DOWNTOWN
SOCIAL EVENT | HOLIDAY SOCIAL AT BLYTHEFIELD | DECEMBER 13TH

JANUARY:

LUNCH | 1ST TUESDAY 12:00-1:30PM | GVSU DOWNTOWN
SERVICE OPPORTUNITY | VILLAGE WATER FILTERS | JANUARY 13TH 6-8PM
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.

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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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:
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STATE LION NEWS

To find out more about news in our Michigan Lions visit:
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<https://www.grandrapidlionsclub.org/glasses-drop-off/>

LIONS INTERNATIONAL

To find out more about news in Lions International visit:
<https://lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/lions-events-calendar>

Why is partying in Times Square overrated?
Because they drop the ball every year.

Happy Birthday!

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

John Rice 1/4
Colleen Mulder 1/9
Joe Annoreno 1/20
Bob Winchester 1/31
Don Jakel 1/31



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