



# GRAND RAPIDS LIONS CLUB

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## DECEMBER 2025

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE THESE GREAT UPCOMING EVENTS!

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- HAPPY NEW YEAR!
- JANUARY 13TH FROM 6 TO 8 P.M. VILLAGE WATER FILTER
  - VILLAGE WATER FILTERS: HELP NEEDED!
  - TEXT SHERAH EAVEY
  - P: 616-322-4668
  - ADDRESS:
    - 4046 DIVISION AVE S. GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49548
- JANUARY 27: FULL BOARD MEETING 8PM
- FEBRUARY 3: 12NOON- 1:30PM LUNCH
  - GVSU DOWNTOWN
  - RSVP DEADLINE FOR THIS NEXT MEETING IS 10AM, JANUARY 27 IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND AND DID NOT YET RSVP PLEASE REACH OUT TO CHERYL TO CHECK ON ACCOMMODATIONS: [ANDERSOC@GVSU.EDU](mailto:ANDERSOC@GVSU.EDU)

**TOMORROW**



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**CALENDAR**  
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# FAMILY PROMISE THANK YOU LETTER

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.

To see the full report with pictures - [click here](#):

<https://www.grandrapidslionsclub.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/12-Lions-Newsletter-Dec-22-2025.pdf>

Below is a thank you letter form Family Promise.



December 22, 2025

Grand Rapids Lions Club  
C/O Anne Baird  
5110 28th St SE  
Suite 1029  
Grand Rapids, MI 49512

Dear Anne,

Thank you for your recent donation of items to support families and kids experiencing homelessness in our community. Because of you, these families have what they need to get a fresh start, and a place to call home. Your donation helps families as we provide shelter, basic needs, and a safe place for children to sleep.

These families now have the reassurance that their family has their needs met, is safe, and most importantly, together. Thanks to you, we can work with hundreds of families as they move from homelessness to home and become self-sufficient!

At Family Promise of West Michigan, we know that we cannot do this alone. Your support is so important in helping alleviate the family housing crisis in our community and giving families and children the future they deserve. We are grateful for your gift and thank you for joining us as we work to end homelessness, one family at a time!

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Elly Barnette-Dawson".

Elly Barnette-Dawson  
Chief Advancement Officer

Donor: Grand Rapids Lions Club  
Donation Description: Meijer Gift Cards, Toys, Household Items  
Donation Date: 12/11/2025

Family Promise of Grand Rapids, doing business as Family Promise of West Michigan, is a 501(c)(3) organization. Our tax ID number is 38-3357709. No goods/services were provided to the donor in exchange for this gift.

516 CHERRY ST. SE, GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49503 | FAMILYPROMISEWM.ORG | 616-475-5220

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## MIDDLEVILLE LIONS HELP: RECAP

The Middleville club put out a request for help at their fundraiser on Dec.28th.

Once a month they volunteer at the Kings Poker Room on the 6,000 block of Division.

I worked from 9:00 PM till 1:30AM.

They sold out their maximum allowed chips of \$20,000.

The dealers worked for the King's Room and were as professional as any I have seen.

I worked for the dealers cashing in chips and running for whatever they needed.

Do you know how empty Division and 28<sup>th</sup> street is at 2:00 in the morning?

Respectfully submitted

*Lynn Francis*



## 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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# 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 | JANUARY 13<sup>TH</sup> 6-8PM  
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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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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We have the perfect "site" to restore your sight .... For an

interactive map visit:

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"A new heart for a New Year, always!"

- Charles Dickens

# Happy Birthday!

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



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