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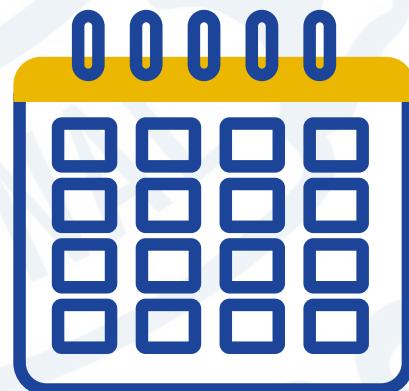


JANUARY / FEBRUARY 2026

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE THESE GREAT UPCOMING EVENTS!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 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
- FEBRUARY 26: ROCKFORD LIONS CHILI COOKOFF
 - 6-9PM \$5 AT THE DOOR (DONATION)
 - ROCKFORD SPORTSMANS CLUB
 - LEARN MORE HERE: [HTTPS://BIT.LY/4BJ6CHC](https://bit.ly/4BJ6CHC)



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WE SERVE!

NOTES FROM OUR PRESIDENT: KYLE TRAVIS



Dear Fellow Lions,

Happy new year!

As we look ahead to 2026, I'd like to encourage each of us to consider getting more involved in the club's leadership and service roles. Stepping into a new role is a great way to grow, contribute in fresh ways, and help give our current leaders a well-deserved break.

We have several important openings, including positions on the Board, the Secretary role, and committee chair opportunities for both Drive for Vision and Eyeglass Pickup. These roles are essential to keeping our service strong and our club thriving.

If you've ever thought about taking on a little more—or trying something new—this is a perfect time. Your energy and perspective can make a real impact.

Thank you for all you do to serve our club and our community.

Yours in lionism,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kyle Travis".

Kyle Travis

Grand Rapids Lions Club President 2024-2026

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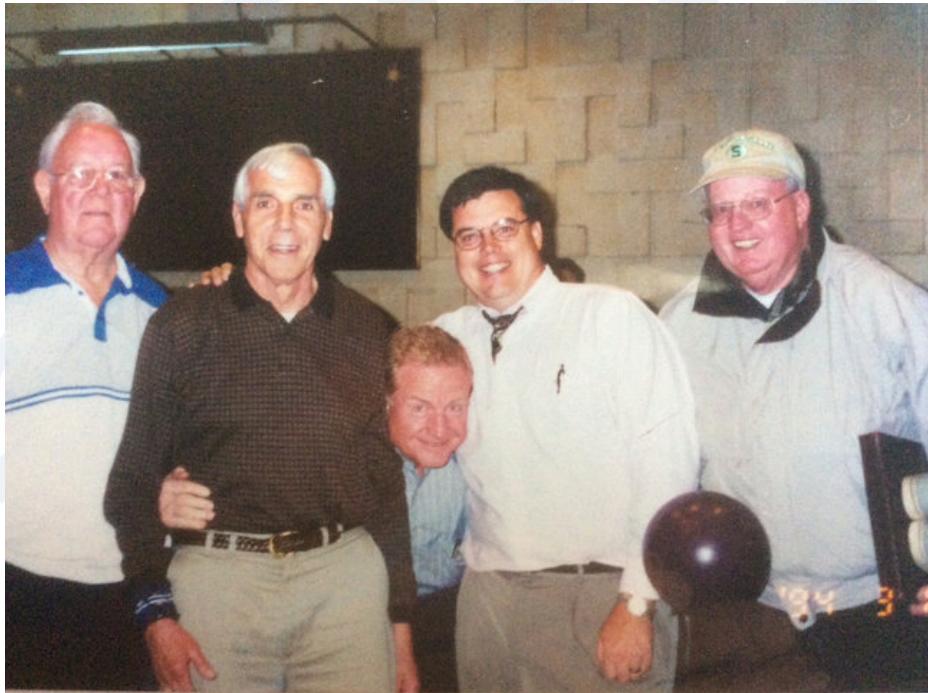


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HEY - I THINK I KNOW THAT GUY!

A great picture provided to us by Lion 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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WATER FILTER SERVICE PROJECT RECAP, JAN 13, 2026

Tuesday night at Business Connect, there were 11 Lions that worked for 2 hours assembling water filters. There were several stations and we moved around. We know we helped this company by our "serving hands" and we had fun visiting with everyone that was there.

To see pictures, click on the link: [Water Filters Jan 13, 2026](#)

Respectfully submitted

Kelly Phelps Sherah Eavey

Kelly Phelps and Sherah Eavey



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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 | AAVI 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 | AAVI 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.

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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DISTRICT 11-C1 NEWS

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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/115990828419557>



STATE LION NEWS

To find out more about news in our Michigan Lions visit:

<http://lionsofmi.com/>



LIONS INTERNATIONAL



To find out more about news in Lions International visit:

<https://lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/lions-events-calendar>

Curious about eyeglass recycling locations around town?

We have the perfect "site" to restore your sight For an interactive map visit:
<https://www.grandrapidslionsclub.org/glasses-drop-off/>

"What good is the warmth of summer,
without the cold of winter to give it sweetness."

- John Steinbeck

Happy Birthday!

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

**Mike Murphy 2/22
Drew Wessell 2/23**



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