



Dear Grand Rapids Lions members,

You have an unusual opportunity to learn more about what Lions Clubs are doing for their communities around the state and to meet some great Lions from outside our club.

Our District 11-C1 Convention is being held in 2 weeks on Sat. March 28 at the Hilton Garden Inn on 2322 East Beltline Ave SE.

You are welcome to attend the full day starting at 8:00am breakfast all the way through to the Dinner and awards at 6:00pm OR come for the middle of the day and attend some great educational sessions and the Keynote Speaker, International Director "Ski" Marcinkowski at lunch.

Director "Ski" is a retired US Army Aviator and currently serves as the Director of Plans and Operations for the Logistic Readiness Center in Alaska. He is a member of the Interior Baseball Lions Club and has great stories of the unique service activities that are being performed by clubs around the country. He will also be speaking on Generational Differences and how they apply to what new Lions are looking for.

Please look over the registration form and check off what you would like to participate in. *Drop dead deadline is Wednesday, March 18!*

*****you can take a photo of your filled-out form and text it to Convention Chair Deb Davis at 616-723-1178. She can also take a credit card payment over the phone so you don't have to send a check by mail. She also said that you can pay at the door but she needs your registration form by Wednesday March 18!**

We have 4 members from our club signed up so far. It would be great to see more of you and this opportunity will never be closer.

Also attached is a list of items we are collecting for the Community Rebuilders service project we are helping with at the convention. If you have any items, they can be dropped at the Hotel, if you are not attending.

Thanks for your consideration. Hope to see you there.

Gary Anderson Cell: 616-460-2012

PS: Friday night's event is the Muddy River Country Western Band!!!!

**** Saturday's seminar on the 11-C1 Website has been changed to:
A presentation by "Braille books by Seedlings"**

Community Rebuilders - Grand Rapids

The Community Rebuilders Heroes Program connects Veterans to permanent supportive housing, increasing their long-term housing stability, income, and self-sufficiency. Veterans are also linked to voluntary supportive services including job training, mental health services, and educational opportunities, empowering them to rebuild their lives.

Lions District 11C1 has chosen to support the Community Rebuilders Heroes Program at our district convention. Their greatest needs are for veterans who are transitioning from homelessness into a temporary or permanent housing situation.

Lions and Lions Clubs are asked to bring ANY of the following items to the convention to donate:

*small tabletop appliances (new or gently used)

toasters
toaster ovens
can openers - electric and handheld
microwaves
coffee pot
pots & pans
silverware sets

*non-perishable foods

soups
macaroni & cheese
Ramen noodles
peanut butter + jelly
canned chili
tuna fish
pasta noodles
canned vegetables
crackers



www.communityrebuilders.org

During the Service Project, a representative from Community Rebuilders will provide a presentation on their program and explain the meaningful things their organization is doing to help end Veteran homelessness.