



# GRAND RAPIDS LIONS CLUB

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## MARCH / APRIL 2026

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE THESE GREAT UPCOMING EVENTS!

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **MARCH 24: SOCIAL EVENT: BEER TASTING AT ALLIANCE BEVERAGE**
  - 5-6:30PM
  - NOTE FROM THE BEER MASTER: "THIS IS OBERON WEEK WHERE WE START SELLING THIS YEARS BEER UNTIL SEPTEMBER "
  - RSVP TO KIM GARY: [KIMLGARY55@GMAIL.COM](mailto:KIMLGARY55@GMAIL.COM)
- **MARCH 27-28 DISTRICT 11C-1 CONVENTION**
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  - LEARN MORE HERE: [HTTPS://BIT.LY/3MKQIJF](https://bit.ly/3mkqijf)
- **APRIL 6: 12NOON- 1:30PM LUNCH**
  - GVSU DOWNTOWN
  - RSVP DEADLINE FOR THIS NEXT MEETING IS MARCH 23 IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND AND DID NOT YET RSVP PLEASE REACH OUT TO CHERYL: [ANDERSOC@GVSU.EDU](mailto:ANDERSOC@GVSU.EDU)



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WE SERVE!

# NOTES FROM OUR PRESIDENT: KYLE TRAVIS



Dear Fellow Lions,

It was great seeing some of you at our March Service Project event at Kid's Food Basket last week. I also look forward to seeing many of you at our Social Event at Alliance Beverage tomorrow night!

As you'll recall, we're about nine months into our new club schedule—featuring fewer lunch meetings and more service and social events. I'd like to extend a heartfelt 'thank you' to our service and social committees for the great work they've done organizing these events for our club. Your time, creativity, and leadership are truly appreciated.

I'm curious how this new schedule is working for you? I'd welcome your feedback—what you're enjoying, what could be improved, and any ideas you might have as we continue to evolve as a club. Your perspectives help ensure we remain engaged, relevant, and impactful for our members and our prospective members.

More importantly, I want to encourage anyone who's interested in having a stronger voice in the direction of our club to consider getting more involved in our leadership and decision-making process. Our Club is at its best when many members help shape its future—whether by serving on a committee, or stepping into an officer or leadership role. Of course I've mentioned a number of those that are currently available, ad nauseum, so I won't do that today. But if you'd like to have a conversation about where you might specifically like to be more involved, please reach out.

Leadership in our club doesn't require special experience or abilities—just a willingness to serve and contribute alongside fellow Lions. Thank you for your continued commitment to our club and our community. I look forward to your feedback and to serving together in the months ahead.

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 end.

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



# MARCH 16: KIDS FOOD BASKET RECAP

Several Lions gathered from 6-7:30 at the Kids Food Basket offer helping hands to assist in preparing meals for kids. Fun was had by all! See the pics below:



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# LIONS PINS AND LIONS GEAR: WANT SOME?

Have you been searching way too hard for your Lions pin? Pins are available at the lunch meetings for \$5 cash. Or if you prefer to order them online you can find them at the Lions website online (link below.) In addition to pins the online store offers several ways to show off your Lion Pride

Grand Rapids Lions Logo wear: A few years ago many Grand Rapids Lions elected to purchase a ½ zip or polo shirt with the Grand Rapids Lions Club logo on it.

We are considering ordering again, so if you missed the first round or would like another apparel option - reach out! Feel free to let me ([johnriceonline@gmail.com](mailto:johnriceonline@gmail.com)) or Cheryl Anderson ([andersoc@gvsu.edu](mailto:andersoc@gvsu.edu)) know:

Link to Lions Gear at Lions International:  
<https://lionsclubsinternational.myshopify.com/>



# 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.

A few notes that have been sent to the editor:

- Kelsey VanOverloop (daughter of Pam VanOverloop and the late Gary VanOverloop) got married in Cabo, Mexico last weekend.
- Lynn Francis made the news:
  - <https://www.craingsgrandrapids.com/news/real-estate/eastbrook-homes-pays-4-1m-for-headquarters-building-after-leasing-for-20-years/>



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**GRAND RAPIDS  
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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

**FEBRUARY:**

LUNCH | 1<sup>ST</sup> TUESDAY 12:00-1:30PM | GVSU DOWNTOWN

**MARCH :**

LUNCH | 1<sup>ST</sup> TUESDAY 12:00-1:30PM | GVSU DOWNTOWN  
SERVICE OPPORTUNITY | KIDS FOOD BASKET | MARCH 16  
SOCIAL EVENT | MICHIGAN BEER TASTING AT ALLIANCE BEVERAGE | MARCH 24

**APRIL:**

LUNCH | 1<sup>ST</sup> TUESDAY 12:00-1:30PM | GVSU DOWNTOWN  
SERVICE OPPORTUNITY | ABVI NEEDS OUR HELP | APRIL 2 2026 10AM-12NOON

**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  
DRIVE FOR VISION: JUNE 15 2026

**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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# LIONS: BE IN THE KNOW

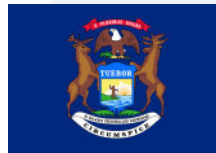
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To find out more about news in our Lions Club District 11-C1 covering Lions in Allegan, Barry, Ionia, Kent, Muskegon, and Ottawa visit on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/115990828419557>



## STATE LION NEWS

To find out more about news in our Michigan Lions visit: <http://lionsofmi.com/>



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## LIONS INTERNATIONAL

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

"That is one good thing about this world... there are always sure to be more springs."

- L.M. Montgomery

# Happy Birthday!

**Bob Younger 3/6**  
**Kevin Carlson 3/7**  
**Tim Tuthill 3/9**  
**James Baird 3/18**  
**Tony Zoellner 3/20**  
**Ann Zoellner 3/27**

**Jeff Dodson 4/7**  
**Jean Kraai 4/18**  
**Gail Junod 4/24**  
**Jacqueline Smart-Parrish 4/24**



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