



Recap – October 1, Luncheon Mtg
Attah Obande & Arlene Campbell
Presenting on SpringGR

Meeting started at 12:13pm by Pres Ed Thauer with the Pledge & Prayer

Broke for lunch

Reconvened at 12:46 pm (19 members & 3 guests)

Announcements:

1. Lion Pat Mullen reminded everyone about the 100th Anniversary Celebration on November 6 at 20 Monroe. Table sponsors are coming in and if you want a table, get your check to Cheryl Anderson asap. If you have already submitted a check for a table, please get your 10 guest names to Cheryl Anderson asap.
2. Crafting Vision – Fundraiser for ABVI, Oct 30 at Creston Brewery, 1504 Plainfield Ave
NE, Grand Rapids. Individual tickets are \$50 (dinner and 1 drink included) and sponsorships are available. More information at:
ABVICRAFTINGVISION.EVENTBRITE.COM
3. Lions of Michigan All State Band is looking for musicians and donations. The band is comprised of high school students around Michigan. The band performs at the International Convention & Parade, this year in Singapore.
4. Bowling Report given by Lion Jamie Junod. Bowling has started at Northfield Lanes. **Next Monday with many bowlers on the Mission Team – BOWLERS are NEEDED.** If you can bowl contact Scott Brady
scottbrady2120@gmail.com or 616-915-9614. Or just come at 4:45pm
5. Calendar sales are in progress. Not available just yet.
6. Holiday Party – LOOKING FOR SOMEONE TO HOST this year's event. If you can host
the event, let Pres Ed Thauer know asap.
7. Tailtwister checking Lions pins and everyone was good! Happy Bucks-lots of vacations ended and several upcoming trips, including the Mission Team to Jamaica.
8. Guests: Lion Gail Junod, Karen Streitel & our two guest speakers
9. Raffle

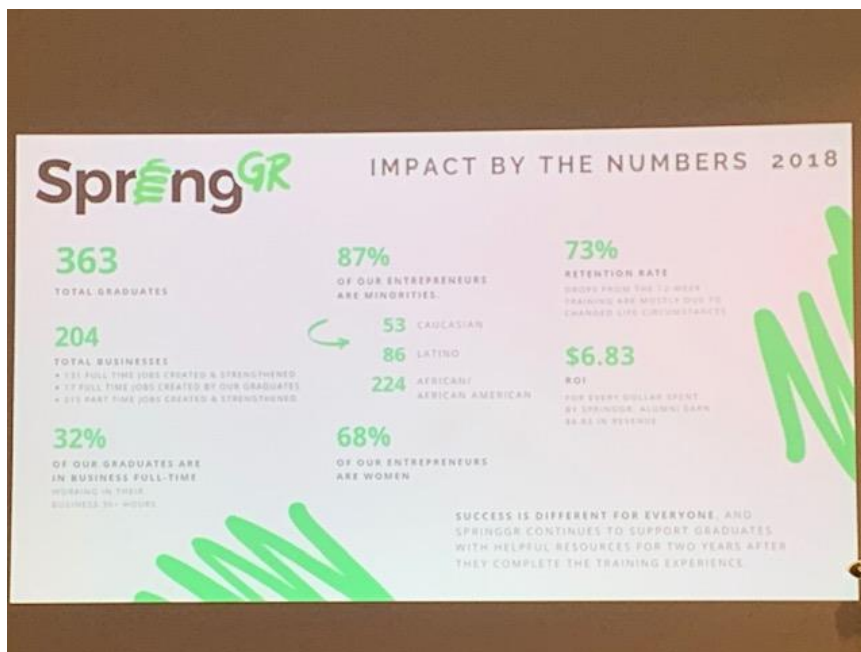
PRESENTATION: Attah Obande & Arlene Campbell

SpringGR is a training, mentoring, and networking program designed to help budding entrepreneurs in Grand Rapids turn their ideas into thriving businesses. SpringGR uses the business model canvas (think of it like a road map for starting a business) to help entrepreneurs develop their business idea or business. Over the course of 12 weeks, they bring people together in small groups, teach the business process, and provide coaching. We believe in the power of networks. For two years following graduation, SpringGR acts as a bridge to connect graduates to other resources throughout Grand Rapids to further grow and develop their businesses. The graduates also reach out



to one another, offering encouragement, support, and assistance in their business endeavors. In 2015, Grand Rapids was listed as the 2nd BEST city to start a business. But in 2015, Grand Rapids rated 50 out of 52 for African American Entrepreneurs- quite the statistic. Whites succeeded in GR, while African Americans had a very difficult time. The three specific areas that SpringGR help with entrepreneurs is: 1. Intellectually-to be better, 2. Social Capital-how to grow their company, 3. Financial – how to get money for funding. SpringGR helps by working on the demographics, then financial-3hours a week class. There is a once a week, 1 hour meeting with a mentor/coach geared toward their program. The participants also take field trips to local spots. This helps to connect them with the city and surrounding businesses. There is a Spanish program and an English program. The cost is \$100 and they have to go through an interview process to be accepted into the program. (25 participants/class) There is additional funding for the participants through companies that offer a fund for entrepreneurs.

Some interesting statistics:



Meeting adjourned at 1:23

Respectfully Submitted,
Lion Cheryl Anderson
GR Lions Club Secretary