



GRAND RAPIDS LIONS CLUB

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MAY/JUNE 2021

Heading into summer already? While our lunch sessions are completed until September - stay tuned for announcements on wonderful summer events!
(We stop our lunch meetings after Memorial Weekend and then start back up again after Labor Day.)

NOTE THE REMAINING MEETING FOR MAY WILL BE THE BOARD MEETING:

- MAY 25 2021 - 12 NOON BOARD MEETING

UPCOMING SUMMER EVENTS ALREADY PLANNED:

- JUNE 21: DRIVE FOR VISION
- DETAILS ON THE NEXT PAGE
- AUGUST 19: BLIND DINNER DATE
- DETAILS TO FOLLOW VIA EMAIL

Summer Events ←



Need help with ZOOM? ZOOM.US has a great online library of easy to follow quick start videos. You can learn more here: <https://zoom.us/resources>

DRIVE FOR VISION

JUNE 21 2021

Mark your calendars for Monday, June 21, 2021 for the 34th Annual Grand Rapids Ophthalmology Drive for Vision Charity Golf Outing.

Monday, June 21, 2021 at Quail Ridge Golf Club

Lunch & Registration 11:30 am · Shotgun Start 1:00 pm
Dinner & Prizes to Follow



Reach out to Kyle Travis, committee chair directly at travisk@stifel.com.

With your participation, challenges caused by vision loss can be addressed. Your participation will help many people in our community whose lives are improved by the services of the Association for the Blind & Visually Impaired and the Grand Rapids Lions Club Vision Clinic at Cherry Health.

See sponsorship levels and learn more at: <https://driveforvision.com/>

COAST TO COAST RAFFLE

The Association for the Blind & Visually Impaired has an opportunity for you to win a great, four-day, three-night trip for two. And the best part is that your ticket purchase will help individuals living with Blindness or Low Vision improve their ability to live with self-sufficiency and with dignity. If you're our winner, you can choose your vacation destination:

*Boston, MA, *Howey-in-the-Hills, FL,

*San Diego, CA, *San Francisco, CA

\$100 will give you 6 chances to win! Single tickets are \$20 each. Only 600 tickets will be sold! However, if you're not in the mood to take a chance, donations are also appreciated.

The drawing will be held on June 4, 2021 at 3:00 pm.

You have one year from June 4, 2021
in which to take your trip.

See FLYER HERE:

<https://www.grandrapidslionsclub.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/CHOOSE-YOUR-COAST-RAFFLE-2021.pdf>



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2021 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION NOW VIRTUAL

JUNE 25-29 2021 - LOCATION: WHEREVER YOU ARE!

Recently Lions Clubs International sent out this message in regards to the upcoming 2021 International Convention:

"Due to the continuing concerns about the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, the board of directors voted to transition the 2021 Montreal Lions Clubs International Convention to a virtual event that will be delivered totally online. This decision was made with the health and safety of our Lions, staff and vendors in mind as limiting international travel and large gatherings is key to global containment strategies.

Here are some important details about the 2021 convention we would like to share with you now:

- Our 2021 convention will be a virtual event that's open to all Lions and Leos around the world.
- The registration fee is \$75. The registration fee for Leos will be US\$30 regardless of date. Convention is currently scheduled for June 25-29. Additional event and registration details will be provided soon.
- Lions who are currently registered for convention will receive an email soon with more information about their registration options.
- Executive officer and international director elections will be conducted electronically, and voting procedures will be forthcoming.
- Convention updates and details will be posted here at lcicon.lionsclubs.org as they become available.

This global health pandemic has forced us all to make decisions and changes that place health and safety first. However, we are optimistic that with each new day there is hope, and as Lions, we continue to find new ways to stay connected, safely serve our communities and continue our global mission of service."

Read more and sign up here: lcicon.lionsclubs.org

2021 USA/CANADA LIONS LEADERSHIP FORUM

SEPTEMBER 9-11 2021 DES MOINES, IOWA

The USA/Canada Forum is touted as "the largest and best Lions Club Leadership training event in world." With 1000s of Lions in attendance, this fun environment offers over 70 seminars on various leadership topics to assist and develop Lions Clubs in the US and Canada.

Early Bird registration discounts and more info at: <https://lionsforum.org/>



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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

HIGHLIGHTING A MEMBER OF THE GRAND RAPIDS LIONS CLUB



Name: Kathy Oberlin

Profession: Homemaker for about 30 years now; Used to be a software engineer for Lear Siegler/Smiths Ind.

Years as a Lion: Officially - 3 or 4 years. I feel like I've been a Lion for most of my adult life because of Mark's involvement.

Spouse/Family: Mark Oberlin - husband; Kids: Steve and Amy (son-in-law Tom Bander); 1 year old puppy - Heidi

Do you hold positions within the club?

- **KO:** I organize and drive for our Lions Courtesy Shopping transport service. This group of volunteers - some Lions, some not - provides transportation and assistance to the blind and visually impaired in the GR area for doctor appointments and grocery shopping. ABVI refers their clients in need to us. In addition to the ABVI referrals, we also provide transportation to a blind gentleman in Rockford that needs dialysis 3 times a week. We are collaborating with the Rockford Lions Club to provide this transportation.

What is your favorite thing about being a Lion?

- **KO:** I would have to say the opportunity for 'hands on' helping people. Mark and I have been fortunate enough to go on several mission trips with the Lions. Going to other places in the world and helping people see clearly for the first time in their lives - it's an experience we will never forget. The people we meet - fellow international Lions and patients - are so appreciative and genuine. You get the feeling you are really helping. I'm getting that same feeling with our Lions transport service. We are making a difference and truly helping.

If you were talking with someone considering being a Lion, what advice would you have to share?

- **KO:** I don't know about other Lions clubs, but our Lions club is chocked full of 'good' people. GOOD people doing GOOD things. It probably sounds a little corny but if you want to help make this world a better place, associate with GOOD people and do GOOD things. I feel like that's what Lionism is all about.

When not at Lions, what do you like to do for fun?

- **KO:** We spend a lot of time in Arizona hiking. When in Michigan - I play a lot of tennis (before Covid), pontooning on the river and being with family...and we love to travel!

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LIONS: BE IN THE KNOW

DISTRICT 11-C1 NEWS

To find out more about news in our Lions Club District 11-C1 covering Lions in Allegan, Barry, Ionia, Kent, Muskegon, and Ottawa visit:

<http://www.lionsdistrict11c1.org/>



Curious about eyeglass recycling locations around town?

We have the perfect "site" to restore your sight For an

interactive map visit:

<https://www.grandrapidlionsclub.org/glasses-drop-off/>

STATE LION NEWS

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

<http://lionsofmi.com/lions-of-michigan-member/>



LIONS INTERNATIONAL



To find out more about news in Lions International visit:

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

“A dream you dream alone is only a dream.
A dream you dream together is reality.”

— John Lennon

Happy Birthday!

PAUL LYTIKAINEN 5/23

ED THAUER, JR 5/24

KATHY OBERLIN 5/27

JEFF KRAAI 5/28

ANNA CLIFFORD 5/30

PAT DROSTE 6/4

STEVE MULDER 6/4

JAMIE JUNOD 6/16

RICK BOLHUIS 6/21



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