



# GRAND RAPIDS LIONS CLUB

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## MAY / JUNE 2024

As we wrap up the Lions year, there are some wonderful ways to connect!  
Join us as "We Serve" together!

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **MAY 28- FULL BOARD MEETING 8PM**
- **JUNE 8 - 9:00AM-1:00PM BUILD A BED VOLUNTEERING:**
  - **SIGN UP HERE:**  
[HTTPS://VOLUNTEER.SHPBEDS.ORG/REGISTRATIONS/Q4CGTMQLGI?](https://volunteer.shpbeds.org/registrations/q4cgtmqLGI?)
- **JUNE 11 - ANNUAL MEETING AT WATERMARK 6PM**
  - **SEE PAGE 3 FOR DETAILS AND LINK TO ONLINE INVITE**
- **JUNE 17 - DRIVE FOR VISION CHARITY GOLF OUTING**
  - **SIGN UP HERE: [DRIVEFORVISION.COM](http://DRIVEFORVISION.COM)**
- **JULY 18 - THURSDAY 6PM: SUMMER PICNIC - CASCADE TOWNSHIP PARK -**
  - **MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW**
- **SEPTEMBER 5-7: USA/CANADA LIONS LEADERSHIP FORUM**
  - **SEPTEMBER 5-7 2024 LOUISVILLE, KY**
  - **EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION DISCOUNTS AND MORE INFO AT:**
    - [HTTPS://LIONSFORUM.ORG/](https://lionsforum.org/)



# NOTES FROM OUR PRESIDENT: DR GARY ANDERSON



**Tuesday June 11, 2024, 6:00pm, Watermark Country Club....put it on your schedule !!!**

Our Grand Rapids Lions Club Annual meeting is the culmination of another great Lions year.

A relaxed evening with a great dinner, fellowship, our Lions year in review, thanks to retiring club officers and installation of our new leadership and awards presented to several outstanding members.

Please RSVP to your invitation to our Annual Meeting with your dinner choices and attendees. (See page 3 for details.)

I look forward to seeing you all there on June 11.

In Service and Friendship,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gary Anderson". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Gary Anderson  
President, Grand Rapids Lions Club 2022-2024  
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# GRAND RAPIDS LIONS ANNUAL DINNER: WATERMARK

Grand Rapids Lions Annual Dinner

Watermark Country Club

Tuesday, June 11, 2024

6:00 PM Social Hour - Dinner at 6:30 PM

Free To ALL members (luncheon & service)

Any additional guests will cost \$25

Dinner Choices are:

**1. Herb Grilled Mahi Mahi (GF)**

Served with roasted Mediterranean vegetable tapenade & rustic romesco sauce (contains almonds)

**2. Parmesan Chicken**

Parmesan breaded check breast topped with sundried tomato pesto butter sauce

**3. Stuffed Acorn Squash (V/GF)**

Roasted half squash stuffed with quinoa, hearty greens, goat cheese, dried cranberries & toasted pecans, serviced with roasted carrots

Bar will have Beer & Wine and cocktails for \$5.

Casual attire

Program will begin after dinner

RSVP to Cheryl with your dinner choice (s)

[andersoc@gvsu.edu](mailto:andersoc@gvsu.edu) or 616-443-1995 by June 1, 2024

## 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.



 Call or Text: 616-951-4663

 Email: [JohnRiceOnline@gmail.com](mailto:JohnRiceOnline@gmail.com)

## RESERVE YOUR SPOT! DRIVE FOR VISION JUNE 17

Reservations are now available for the Grand Rapids Lions Club Drive for Vision 2.0 June 17 2024, Quail Ridge Ada MI.

Sponsorship and participation options can be viewed online at: [driveforvision.com](http://driveforvision.com)



## 2024 USA/CANADA LIONS LEADERSHIP FORUM

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.

September 5-7 2024 Louisville, KY

Early Bird registration discounts and more info at:

<https://lionsforum.org/>

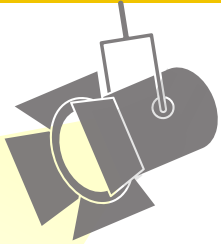


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# MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

HIGHLIGHTING A MEMBER OF THE GRAND RAPIDS LIONS CLUB



**Name:** Rick Stevens

**Profession:** Community Volunteer (Pensioner)  
Retired from ABVI

**Years as a Lion:** 34 years

**Spouse/family:** Mary

**Do you hold positions within the club?**

Past Director, Past Vice President, Past President.

**What is your favorite thing about being a Lion? OR a favorite memory you would like to share.**

**RS:** It's a great group of people to be around. I've enjoyed the friendships that I've made over the years.

**What are the top 3 words that come to mind when you think of Lionism?**

**RS:** Helping people; having fun... OK, it's four. I'll pay the fine. :)

**Name your favorite movie, book, board game or all three:**

**RS:** My dad wrote a book about his experiences as a resistance fighter in World War II called Good Morning. It's family history, and the proceeds from sales support Holocaust education at GVSU.

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

**RS:** We're fortunate to have our grandchildren in town so they get lots of attention from us, and I still enjoy going to Michigan football games -- 50 years and counting.

**What is a "secret" skill you have no one knows about? Example: Fluent in a foreign language, able to read 500 words a minute, complete 1 arm pushups, etc....**

**RS:** I love to go downhill skiing, and my knees are still cooperating.

**Where is your favorite place to travel? What is the top place on your travel bucket list?**

**RS:** There are lots of places that I'm looking forward to visiting. However, we have a cottage next to the Manistee Huron National Forest, and it's rejuvenating every time we go there.

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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 on Facebook:

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



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 INTERNATIONAL



To find out more about news in Lions International visit:

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

“In early June the world of leaf and blade and flowers explodes, and every sunset is different.”

– John Steinbeck



# Happy Birthday!

JIM KAISER 5/7

OSMAN KOROMA 5/14

ED THAUER, JR 5/24

KATHY OBERLIN 5/27

JEFF KRAAI 5/28

ANNA GODDARD 5/30

STEVE MULDER 6/4

PAT DROSTE 6/4

JAMIE JUNOD 6/16

RICK BOLHUIS 6/21

JEREMY KNOESTER 6/22



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