



GRAND RAPIDS LIONS CLUB

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JULY 2024

Welcome to our FIRST edition of the 2024-2025 Lions Year!!!! There are some wonderful ways to connect and enjoy service and friendship! Join us as "We Serve" together!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **JULY 18 - THURSDAY 6PM: SUMMER PICNIC - CASCADE TOWNSHIP PARK -**
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- **AUGUST 18 - DR GARY ANDERSON SWIMS MACKINAC ISLAND!**
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- **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/)

The Annual Lions Picnic is almost here! See more on page 2!



SUMMER PICNIC CASCADE TWP PARK JULY 18 6PM

Kids of all ages are invited! Contact Rob Lalley with any questions or concerns and please **RSVP with the number adults & the number of kids by July 11** to rll@VWLST.com

Summer picnic

July 18, 6PM

Cascade Township Park:
3810 Thornapple River Dr SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49546

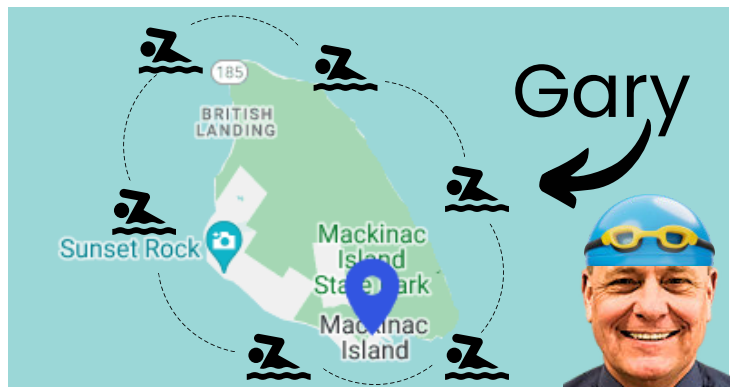


DR GARY ANDERSON IS SWIMMING AROUND MAC ISL!

Sunday, August 18

Join in supporting Swim for Sight as Dr Gary Anderson swims around the entire island of Mackinac! (All 8.2 miles around the island!) All the funds raised will be evenly split between the Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired (Grand Rapids Low Vision Clinic), Lions Project KidSight pre-school vision screening managed by the Lions of Michigan Foundation throughout Michigan and the Vision Programs of Lions Clubs International Foundation which provide vision resources for those in need around the world.

Visit the link below to send Gary support!:



<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/swim-for-sight-registration-908427550257>

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UPDATE: UGANDA DAYS FOR GIRLS PROJECT

Lion Kathy Oberlin had the following to share as an update to the "Days for Girls Project":

I wanted to send some pictures that I received from my Ugandan contact re: the funding our Lions Club sent to his community to support the Days for Girls project. Thought you might want to use for the newsletter. This funding provided for:

- education about women's hygiene
- training and supplies (fabric and materials, sewing machines) to make their own feminine hygiene products
- support for the representatives from Days for Girls to teach and train 75 women/girls in their community
- lunch, facility and transportation for the attendees

This was a great success and has led to a business for the women of this community! The sewing machines were used immediately to make the hygiene products. The women soon found out they needed to buy more fabric but had no funding, so they put their talents to work and started a store to sell baskets woven by hand, clothing they sewed with the machines, knitting, bee keeping for organic honey.

I am so impressed with their ingenuity and creativity!

They are extremely grateful for our generosity and pray for blessing for all of us.

Kathy Oberlin



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2024 ANNUAL MEETING SUMMARY

On Tuesday June 11, 2024, our club gathered for the Annual Meeting. This year's event was hosted at Watermark Country Club where all enjoyed an evening of celebration. President Dr. Gary Anderson, and Vice President, Kyle Travis, along with emcee Rob Lalley, lead the evening's events. The annual meeting traditionally serves as our opportunity to install new officers to the board, honor award winners, and set the tone for the year to come. Here are a few of the recognitions:

2024-2025 Officers and Directors Installed:

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| Chairmen of the Board | Gary Anderson |
| President | Kyle Travis |
| Vice President | Jim Schuyler |
| Treasurer | Drew Wessel |
| Secretary | Cheryl Anderson |
| Membership | John Rice |
| Tail Twister | Jamie Junod |

Officers and Directors Retiring:

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| Chairman of the Board | Ben Eavey |
| Director | Jason Brown |
| Director | Adam Carlson |
| Director | Jim Schuyler |

New Members 23-24

Dr Meagan Baker
Jeremy Knoester
Osman Koroma
Kevin Carlson
Steve Oberlin

Members we have lost:

Lynn (Martin) Danridge

New Directors:

Shelley Irwin
Meagan Baker
Tim Tuthill

Existing Directors:

Joe Annoreno- Board Director
Dr. Adam Carlson – Board Director
Bob Younger – Board Director
Anne Baird – Board Director

Century Club Member (those who have gifted more than \$25,000 to the club's Foundation)

Kim and Pam Gary
Mark and Kathy Oberlin
Scott and Mary Brady
Rick and Cindy Walker
Pat and Kathy Mullen
Ed and Karen Thauer
Lynn and Vicki Francis

Legacy Member (those who have add the club's Foundation as a beneficiary in their estate)

Gary and Cheryl Anderson
Rick and Cindy Walker
Scott and Mary Brady
Lynn and Vicki Francis
Kim and Pam Gary
Pat and Kathy Mullen
John and Ashley Rice
Ed and Karen Thauer
Mark and Kathy Oberlin

2024 Award Winners

Joseph Trenshaw Rookie of the Year

Tim Tuthill

Lion of the Year

Dr Meagan Baker

Henry Voet Lifetime Achievement Award

Bill Fleetham

(The Grand Rapids Lions Club Highest Honor)

Melvin Jones Fellowship

Bill Fleetham

John Rice

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MEMORIAL GIVING FUND

Dear Members of the Grand Rapids Lions Club,

We are pleased to tell you that the Grand Rapids Lions Club Foundation has established a "Memorial Giving Fund" to honor our recently deceased members. The "Memorial Giving Fund" is a special initiative aimed at commemorating the lives and contributions of our beloved members who have passed away. This fund serves as a way for us to remember and celebrate their legacy within our club.

We invite you to consider signing up for the "Memorial Giving Fund" as a gesture of support and remembrance for our departed members. Your participation will not only help honor their memory but also contribute to the meaningful work that our club conducts in the community. By joining the "Memorial Giving Fund," you will have the opportunity to make a lasting impact in the name of those who have dedicated their time and efforts to the Grand Rapids Lions Club. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated by their families, friends, and fellow members.

The "Memorial Giving Fund" is very straightforward, it allows you ahead of time that with the passing of any member or spouse, that you are committing to a \$100 memorial contribution in their name to the Lions Club "Flex Foundation." This charitable contribution can be set up one time with a credit card, debit card or a bank account ACH and is good until you wish to cancel.

With the announcement of the "Memorial Giving Fund" at the annual dinner this past week, we already have several members who have made a commitment. Should you have interest in being a part of the "Memorial Giving Fund," we have included a link below to a commitment card. When completed, simply mail it to our Treasurer at the address listed below.

Thank you for considering this heartfelt opportunity to pay tribute to our dear departed members. Together, we can keep their memory alive and continue their legacy of service and compassion.

Yours in Lionism,

Grand Rapids Lions Club Foundation Committee

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| Pat Mullen | Lynn Frances | Kim L Gary | Rob Lalley |
| Scott Brady | Ed Thauer | Jeff Kraai | Rick Stevens |
| Kyle Travis | Ryan Smith | | |

Download the giving form here:

<https://www.grandrapidslionsclub.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/Memorial-Sign-up-forms.pdf>

Mail to:

Grand Rapids Lions Club
5110 28th St SE Suite 1029
Grand Rapids, MI 49512

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UPDATE: DRIVE FOR VISION JUNE 17

Fun was had by all at the 34th Annual Drive for Vision 2.0 June 17 2024, Quail Ridge Ada MI.

Here are a few fun photos Lion Jeremy Knoester shared of the day:



Online we have several more fun photos of the event, provided by Lion Jeremy Knoester and Tim Tuthill.

Check them out here:

<https://www.grandrapidslionsclub.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/2024-Drive-For-Vision-Photos-Supplement-To-Newsletter-June-24-2024.pdf>



Thank you to all you helped make this such a tremendous event!

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| Flo's Pizzeria Ristorante | Traverse City Country Club |
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| Golf Galaxy | |

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DRIVE FOR VISION COMMITTEE

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 Jason Brown ● Anna Goddard
 Don Jakel ● Jeremy Knoester
 Colleen Mulder ● Mike Murphy
 John Rice ● Kyle Travis ● Tim Tuthill
 Bob Younger ● Tony Zoellner

EVENT VOLUNTEERS

Grand Rapids Lions Club
 Association for the Blind & Visually Impaired
 Cherry Health

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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.grandrapid>

[slionsclub.org/glasses-drop-off/](https://www.grandrapidslionsclub.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>

"Keep your face to the sun
and you will never see the shadows."

--Helen Keller

Happy Birthday!

SHERAH EAVEY 7/1
STEVE OBERLIN 7/2
BILL FLEETHAM 7/5
ROB LALLEY, JR 7/5
PAT MULLEN 7/6
CHERYL ANDERSON 7/9

MEAGAN BAKER 7/9
SCOTT BRADY 7/18
ROBERT SNYDERS 7/18
SHAWN EYESTONE 7/29
RYAN SMITH 7/25
RICK STEVENS 7/25



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