



GRAND RAPIDS LIONS CLUB

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Wrapping up August with our eyes on September! Join us at our new lunch meeting location and all the great ways to Get Involved!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **SEPTEMBER 3: LUNCH MEETING - DETAILS TO FOLLOW**
 - GVSU DEVOS CENTER, AT THE PEW CAMPUS DOWNTOWN
 - DETAILS PAGE 3
- **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/)
- **SEPTEMBER 10: PENCIL BOX PROJECT AND PIZZA!**
 - DETAILS ON PAGE 4
 - TUESDAY, 9/10/ 2024, 6PM - 8PM
 - ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED
 - 456 CHERRY ST SE
- **SEPTEMBER 14: BUILD A BED/SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE**
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- **OCTOBER 23: CHERRY HEALTH CELEBRATION**
 - MORE INFO ON PAGE 6

NOTES FROM OUR PRESIDENT: KYLE TRAVIS



Fellow Lions,

As you've probably heard by now – we have a new lunch location!

We will be at the GVSU downtown Pew campus. This is the campus just west of 131, between Lake Michigan Drive and Fulton Street. We'll be parking in the Seward ramp, just west of the building (across the train tracks). The meetings will be held in the University Club room inside the Richard M. Devos Center. As you near the building, there will be ample signage to point you in the right direction.

I had the opportunity to tour the facility last week and was really impressed. I genuinely feel this is a great venue for our group. It's conveniently located, offers a nice, spacious room, in a youthful, vibrant atmosphere. On top of all this, the parking is complimentary which makes the overall cost LESS than we were paying at the Holiday Inn.

I'd like to thank Bob Snyders, as well as Gary & Cheryl Anderson for their efforts in setting up this introduction with GVSU. I am hopeful this will mark the start of a long-standing relationship. I also want to encourage all of you to attend our first meeting on September 3rd – to see the new venue for yourself and to hear from our own Tim Tuthill, who will be providing an update on The Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired (ABVI).

Enjoy the final weeks of summer & I hope to see many of you in September!

Kyle Travis
Grand Rapids Lions Club President 2024-2026
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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

NEW LUNCH MEETING LOCATION: GVSU DOWNTOWN

We will be in the University Club in the DeVos Center, at the Pew Campus downtown. All on the west side of 131.

Parking will be at the Seward Ramp, directly west (across the open parking lot). Next to the railroad tracks.

Please park in the Seward Parking Lot Ramp.

The address for Seward lot is:

["505 Fulton St W, Grand Rapids, MI 49504.](#)

On the map, look for the SPL-Seward Parking lot Ramp (orange/green striped lot). Park in the (Seward Lot), **walk EAST across the DeVos surface lot into the DeVos Center Building** and the meeting room will be inside on your left. **Look for signage.**

You can enter off off of Lake Michigan from the north or Fulton street on the south end.

We will be in the the area known as the "University Club" (AT GVSU)

Link to info:

<https://www.grandrapidslionsclub.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/Univ-Club-Announcement.pdf>



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SEPTEMBER SERVICE PROJECT AT ABVI:

TO HELP SUPPORT THE MARTIN LUTHER KING LEADERSHIP ACADEMY TUTORING PROGRAM



Pencil Box Project

Tuesday, 9/10/ 2023
6pm - 8pm

Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired
456 Cherry St SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503



Kids are heading back to school! Come join our September Club Volunteer Project to help support the Martin Luther King Leadership Academy Tutoring Program. We will be assembling Pencil Boxes to give to children. All K-2 students receive tutoring in reading. Students meet one time per week with a volunteer tutor. Many students at the school are not exposed to reading and having one on one time with a tutor helps to improve reading skills and gain confidence with their reading. Volunteers are needed.

For Tuesday's event, please RSVP to Tim Tuthill tim.tuthill@maryfreebed.com or 616 490 1708 - you can text to this number.

Afterward there is talk of heading over to the Winchester for those interested :)

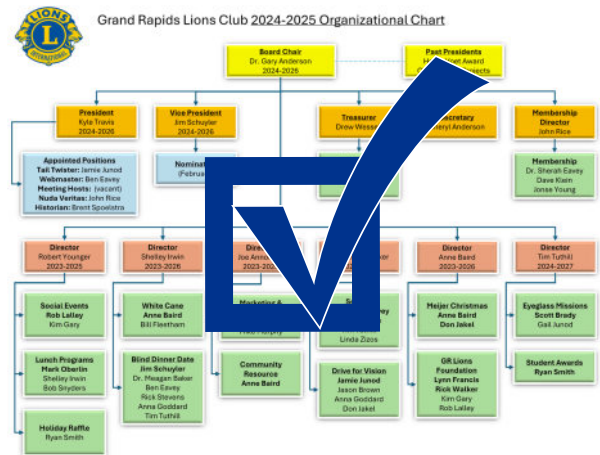
2024-2025 LEADERSHIP ROLES

Curious who to contact for your questions on a project? Are you interested in a particular committee? The 2024-25 organization chart is a really helpful tool.

This chart shows each project the club is involved with along with each committee member and leader. Additionally, all board directors and club officers are listed.

You can review it here:

https://www.grandrapidslionsclub.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/23_24-Org-Chart.pdf



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THE "NAKED TRUTH" NEWSLETTER

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SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE / BUNKS ACROSS AMERICA



Bunks Across America 2024

Save the Date for Saturday, September 14 and join us for Bunks Across America – a nationwide day of volunteering to build beds with Sleep in Heavenly Peace. With SHP chapters all across the country building beds on the same day, we're making sure that any kid who needs a bed, gets a bed, including right here in Cedar Springs and its surrounding cities.

Building More Than Beds, Building Hope! Join our Bunks Across America build day on Saturday, Sept. 14, and be the reason a child gets a safe place to sleep.

Register to volunteer at: [https://go.shpbeds.org/e/1004962/e-](https://go.shpbeds.org/e/1004962/e-VMiQ3S0kFLb/6tv89f/6102512811/h/47T7MxyooMFst5jgNC6FWml2ZaAYkaj_2rsg4d2X7ME)

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Donations

- Help us get ready for Bunks Across America, set for Saturday, Sept. 14. We accept donations of any size; the list below gives you an idea of how we'll put your gift to use:

\$5-10 — Pillow and sheet set \$20-30 — Comforter or bed-in-a-bag set

\$70-90 — Twin mattress \$250 — Single twin bed \$500 — Twin bunk bed

No matter how much you're able to give, your contribution will provide a good night's rest to a deserving child and helps SHP accomplish its mission that

NO KID SLEEPS ON THE FLOOR IN OUR TOWN!

To donate right now, please visit: https://go.shpbeds.org/e/1004962/chapter-mi-cedar-springs-/6tv89j/6102512811/h/47T7MxyooMFst5jgNC6FWml2ZaAYkaj_2rsg4d2X7ME

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- Make a real impact and boost your team! Sponsor our Bunks Across America event on Sept. 14 and help build beds for local kids in need. Show your CSR commitment and build employee morale and brand awareness. Bunks Across America is a fun, team-building service event with a far-reaching impact.

Contact Kelly Darling at 616-295-6857 to discuss sponsorship opportunities.

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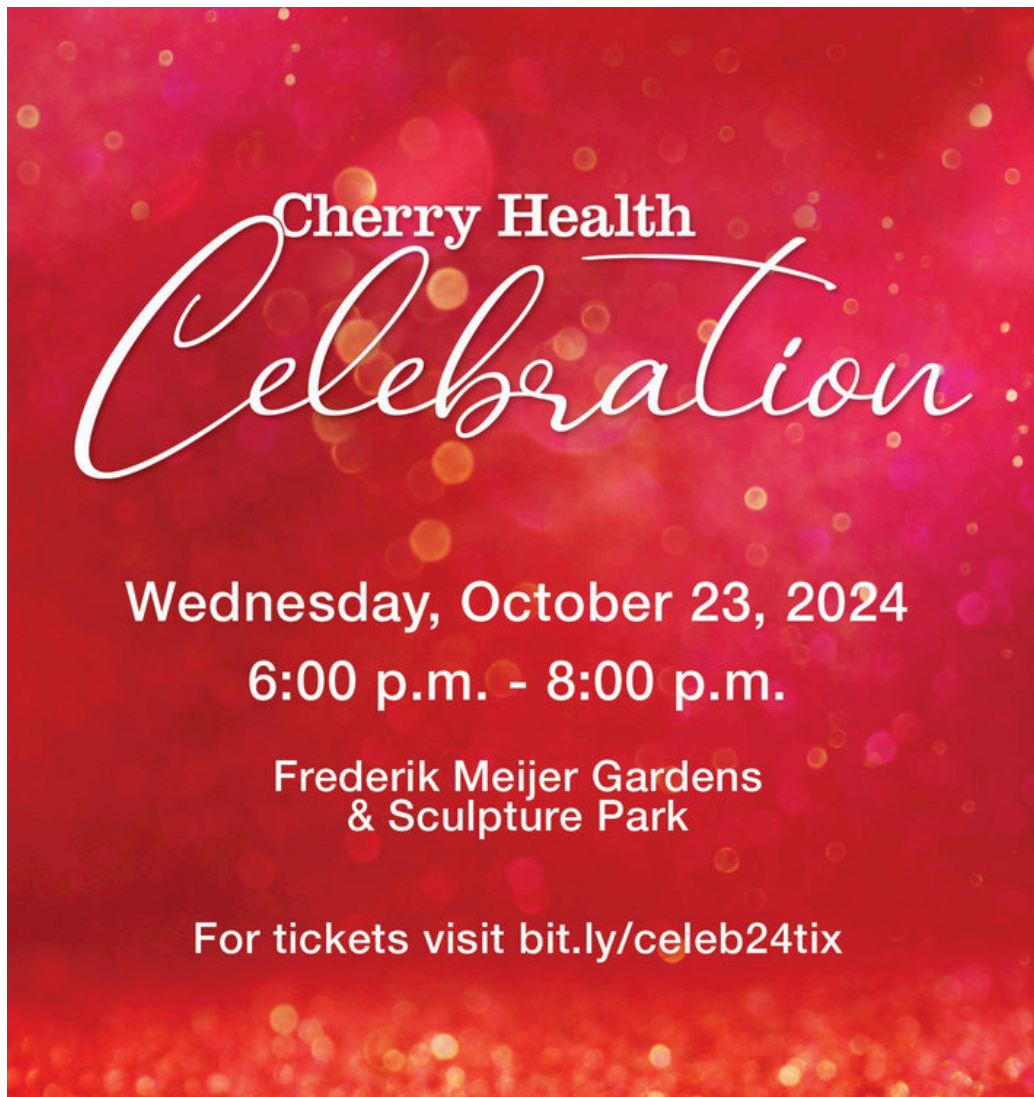
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CHERRY HEALTH CELEBRATION 2024

Celebrate with Cherry Health!

Join us at Cherry Health Celebration to celebrate the impact of innovative and accessible healthcare. This year's fundraising event will feature the inspiring ways our Clubhouse programs are supporting those on their journey from mental illness to mental wellness—by helping them develop both a sense of community and the ability to live independently. Visit bit.ly/celeb24tix to get your tickets today for Cherry Health Celebration on Wednesday, October 23, from 6-8 p.m. at Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park.

Proceeds support Cherry Health programs and services that build stronger, healthier communities. Tickets are available until Oct. 9. For more information visit cherryhealth.org/donate/events, or call (616) 965-8254.



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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.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>

"Get Up, Get Into It, Get Involved."

- James Brown

Happy Birthday!

KIM GARY 8/1

KRISTEN PLAFKIN 8/1

JANA KIM 8/5

MARK OBERLIN 8/7

STEPHANIE ANDERSON 8/12

GARY ANDERSON 8/15

BEN EAVEY 8/15

CARLA BOLHUIS 9/10

AUTUMN KILLOP 9/11

ADAM CARLSON 9/13

SHELLEY IRWIN 9/23

KELLY PHELPS 9/24

MICHAEL SMALLEGAN 9/27

DAVID KLEIN 9/28

TOM MURPHY 9/28

JONSE YOUNG 9/29



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