



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 10: PENCIL BOX PROJECT!**
 - READ ON FOR DETAILS PAGE 3
 - 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**
 - DETAILS ON PAGE 6
- **SEPTEMBER 17: LUNCH AT GVSU DOWNTOWN**
 - RSVP TO CHERYL 1 WEEK BEFORE: (***THAT'S TOMORROW!!!!***) SEPT 10
 - RSVP TO CHERYL AT ANDERSOC@GVSU.EDU
- **OCTOBER 10: SERVICE PROJECT: KIDS FOOD BASKET 6PM-7:30PM**
 - RSVP TO SHERAH EAVEY VIA PHONE OR TEXT: 616-322-4886
 - AND THEN SIGN UP FOR THE SHIFT THROUGH THIS LINK:
 - [HTTPS://VHUB.AT/GRLIONSEAVEY](https://vhub.at/grlionseavey)
 - MORE INFORMATION ON PAGE 4
- **OCTOBER 23: CHERRY HEALTH CELEBRATION**
 - FOR MORE INFORMATION SEE PAGE 7

← Tomorrow

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.



PARK



EAT

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>

NOTE ON PARKING:

Park in the **SEWARD LOT**.

ENTER FROM FULTON ST.

When you arrive **ASK** the parking attendant **FOR A PASS**.

This will be a special ONE DAY pass for parking.

The parking pass provides you with:

- PREMIUM UP FRONT PARKING
- PARKING FOR FREE

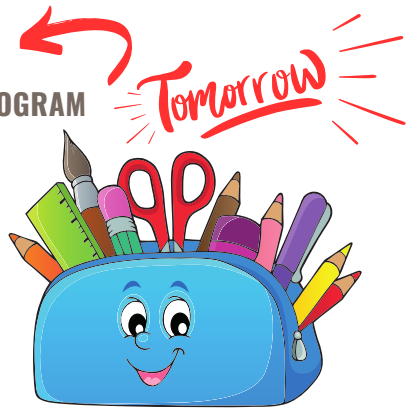
Without the pass you will get a ticket - so be sure to ask for a parking pass!



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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 :)

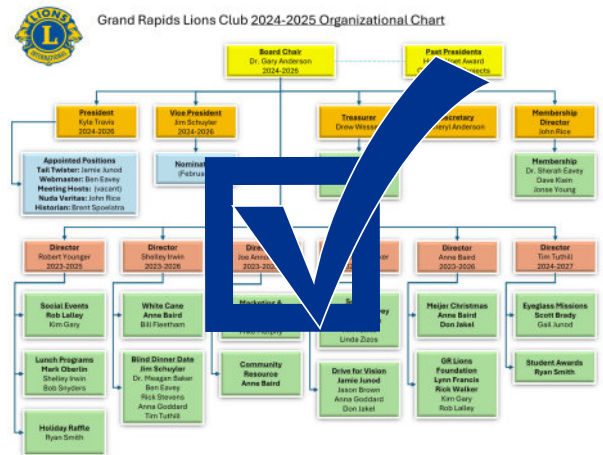
2024-2025 LEADERSHIP ROLES

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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GOALBALL: LION OSMAN KOROMA

Recent Lion Osman Koroma proposed the following opportunity for support in our local community. Below is a copy of the letter from Lion Osman Koroma to President Kyle Travis:

If people are able to contribute, they can make a donation online by visiting

www.maryfreebed.com/sports

They should select "Mary Free Bed Sonics Goalball" They should also check the box "tribute to" and add my name (Osman Koroma) in the text field. or by sending a check to:

Mary Free Bed Rehabilitation Hospital

Attn: Laura Dulay

235 Wealthy Street SE

Grand Rapids, MI 49503

Memo: Wheelchair & Adaptive Sports: MFB Sonics Goalball, Osman Koroma

Our budget is around \$12000: if the club wanted to sponsor jerseys it will be \$1000, about \$4000 for each tournament.

Osman Koroma, MA, CVRT

Employment Coordinator

Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired

456 Cherry Street, SE

Grand Rapids, MI 49503

Office: (616) 840-8286

Main Office: (616) 458-1187

OCTOBER SERVICE PROJECT: KIDS FOOD BASKET

Our October service project will be at Kid's Food Basket located at 1300 Plymouth Ave NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49505 on Thursday, October 10 6-7:30pm.

Please let Sherah Eavey know if you are coming via phone or text: 616-322-4886 and then sign up for the shift through this link:

<https://vhub.at/grlionseavey>. If it's someone's first time, they will need to create an account in the system first, then re-click on that link to sign up. We look forward to serving with you!



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TREASURER'S REPORT

FY 2024 Treasurer's Report

Our year ended June 30, 2024. One major change for the new fiscal year is that we have consolidated our banking relationships to Lake Michigan Credit Union. Their Treasury Department has greatly helped streamline financial operations. Whereas previously each of our two corporations banked at a different institution, we now have all banking in one place. We have had to make some changes to the way we receive some payments—if you were affected, you have been contacted already or will be soon. Going forward, we prefer credit, debit or ACH, but if checks are necessary, please remember that the Club's business address is now:

Grand Rapids Lions Club
5110 28th Street #1029
Grand Rapids, MI 49512

As always, if you have questions or concerns, I encourage you to share them with me at treasurer@grandrapidslionsclub.org.

The following is a recap of the financial highlights for 2024:

The General Fund – this is the corporation through which we host our lunches and social events. Dues are billed throughout the year based on a member's status. The fund typically runs small monthly deficits. Our primary revenue is from dues and was around \$23,00 with some other small sources of income. Our primary expense is meals. Our new situation at GVSU should cost slightly less than either the Holiday Inn or the U Club. Other costs are dues paid to Lions International/Michigan; wages to the Secretary, Treasurer & Editor; some social events (like the Installation Banquet & Summer Outing) and administrative expenses like postage, accounting software, etc.

The Charities Fund – this is the corporation that sponsors our charitable events & fundraising, such as the Blind Dinner Date (BDD), Drive for Vision (DFV). The BDD netted \$1,889 and the DFV netted \$13,837. We allocate the proceeds from these events to The Association for the Blind & Vision Impaired, Cherry Street Eye Center and the GR Community Foundation.

We have funds held at Grand Rapids Community Foundation. The balance at June 30, 2024 was \$1,222,006.. These funds allow us to make grants to numerous charities. The total amount of donations the GR Lions made for the year from fund-raisers plus the foundation dollars was \$69,781

Additional information is available for any member who requests it.

Respectfully Submitted,



Drew Wessell

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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-VMiQ3S0kFLb/6tv89f/6102512811/h/47T7MxyooMFst5jgNC6FWml2ZaAYkaj_2rsg4d2X7ME

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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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.



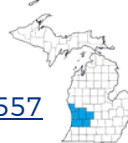
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LIONS: BE IN THE KNOW

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>

Q: What do you call a tree that is very good at math?

A: A Geometry

Happy Birthday!

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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