



OCT 2024

Welcome to October! A BIG month of opportunities to connect, have fun and help our community! Join us!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- OCTOBER 10: CRAFTING VISION
 - TIME: 6:00-9:00PM
 - LOCATION: WARNER NORCROSS + JUDD LLP
 - 150 OTTAWA AVE NW STE 1500 GR MI 49503
 - TICKETS HERE:
 - HTTPS://WWW.ABVIMI.ORG/CRAFTING-VISION-2024/
- OCTOBER 15: 12NOON- 1:30PM LUNCH AT GVSU DOWNTOWN
 - RSVP TO CHERYL 1 WEEK BEFORE: (THAT'S TOMORROW!!!!) OCTOBER 8: CLICK HERE TO RSVP: ANDERSOC@GVSU.EDU
 - GUEST DAY!!! BE SURE TO BRING A GUEST! RSVP TMRW FOR YOUR GUEST AS WELL
- OCTOBER 15: 6-7:30PM: KIDS FOOD BASKET VOLUNTEERING:
 - RSVP TO SHERAH EAVEY KNOW IF YOU ARE COMING:
 - PHONE OR TEXT: 616-322-4886
 - THEN SIGN UP FOR THE SHIFT THROUGH THIS LINK:
 - HTTPS://VHUB.AT/GRLIONSEAVEY
- OCTOBER 23: CHERRY HEALTH CELEBRATION
 - FOR MORE INFORMATION SEE PAGE 6
- MARK YOUR CALENDARS:
 - DECEMBER 7, 2024 7:30 A.M. 10:30 A.M.
 - PLACE: MEIJER AT CASCADE/KRAFT ON 28TH STREET
 - CONTACT: ANNE OR JIM BAIRD
 - BAIRD@SURFREE.COM (BAIRD@SURFREE.COM) P: 616-446-9496
 - DECEMBER 14: HOLIDAY PARTY BLYTHFIELD COUNTRY CLUB

DISTRICT PROJECT: COLOR FOR A CURE!!!

View flyer/list of supplies online here - full flyer below:

https://www.grandrapidslionsclub.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/2024-9-13-Art-Supply-Flyer-1.pdf



Art Supply Drive for Pediatric Cancer District 11C1

Donations of art supplies will be collected and donated to the local Ronald McDonald House in Grand Rapids. Art supplies will be used to help children and their families cope and feel more comfortable throughout their hospital stay.

ITEMS PERMITTED:

- Crayons, colored pens/pencils, markers
- Drawing paper
- Coloring books appropriate for various age ranges
- Activity books
- Journals
- Velvet Art

ITEMS NOT PERMITTED:

- Glitter
- Beads
- Slime/ Play Doh
- ANYTHING THAT IS CONSIDERED MESSY OR CAN POSE AS A POTENTIAL CHOKING HAZARD.

Donation collection starts **SEPTEMBER 16th, 2024 CASH DONATIONS ARE WELCOME!**

Bring to 11C1Project Night or contact Lion Lexi Green at lexigreen263@gmail.com or Lion Bob Hohendorf at rhohendorf@gmail.com for more information on where to drop off donations!

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.

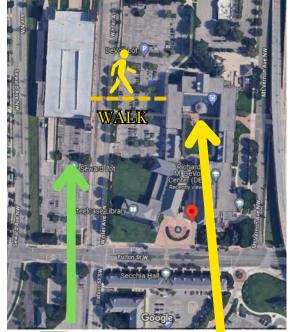
Parking will be at the Seward Ramp, directly west (across the open parking lot). Next to the railroad tracks.

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

NOTE ON PARKING:

Park in the **SEWARD LOT.**

ENTER FROM FULTON ST.

When you arrive **COLLECT A TICKET**. This will be validated at the meeting to cover parking.

Validation provides you with:

• PARKING FOR FREE

Tickets need to be validated - so be sure to obtain one!



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 15 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!



DECEMBER 7: HOLIDAY SHOPPING

Volunteers needed for in-person shopping on Saturday, December 7, 2024

Meijer generously donates a \$30 gift card per child within a total limit of \$1

Meijer generously donates a \$30 gift card per child within a total limit of \$1500 for the event. The Grand Rapids Lions Club donates \$95 per child (up up \$4750 for 50 children) to set a budget of \$125 per gift card for children to spend on their family members. "Pass the Hat" donations through through collections at Lions luncheons assist in supplementing the cost of having additional children participate. For each \$125 collected, an additional child is able to attend.

WHAT: The first shift is designated for the children with visual impairments and begins PROMPTLY at 7:15 a.m. The second group of children begin at 8:30 a.m. when the Base Camp Sabboath children arrive with their staff. ****Due to the large number of children who are being referred, we are looking for at least 35 volunteers or more, if possible, so the ratio would be no more than 2 children to every 1 volunteer.

WHEN: Saturday, Dec. 7, 2024 at 7:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

WHERE: Meijer on 28th & 1-96 in Cascade

Members are welcome to make this a "family event" and include spouses, children or acquaintances who

are interested in volunteering.

Contact: Anne Baird | baird@surfree.com | 616-446-9496



NOTICE: DUES PAYMENTS

Dear Grand Rapids Lions Club Members,

I hope this message finds you well and thriving! First, let me take a moment to thank each of you for your continued support and dedication to our club's mission. Your involvement helps make a real difference in our community.

As we look forward to the events and service projects ahead, I wanted to send a quick, friendly reminder about membership dues. Currently, over 25% of our members are behind on dues payments, and timely dues are essential to keeping our club running smoothly. Your dues help fund our community programs, support those in need, and ensure that we can continue creating positive change together. If you haven't had the chance to catch up on your payment, now is a great time to do so! Every bit helps us stay on track to accomplish great things.

You can make payments easily via the invoice reminders I recently sent, and as always, feel free to reach out if you have any questions or need assistance.

Thank you again for being a valued member of the Grand Rapids Lions Club. Let's keep roaring forward together!

Warm regards,

Grew Vessell

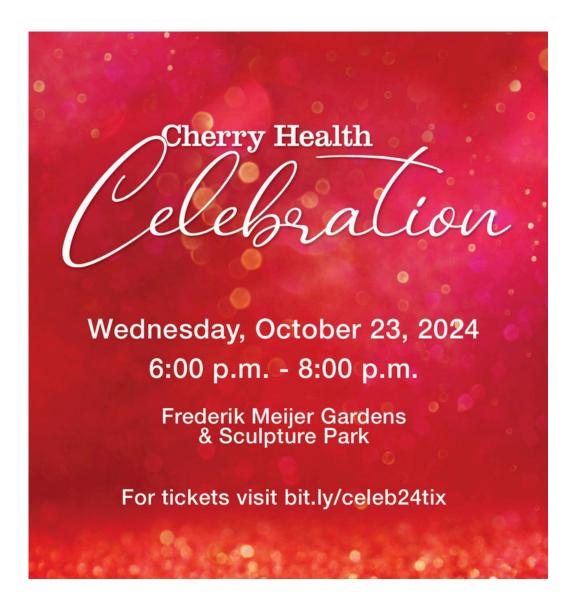
Drew Wessell | Treasurer | treasurer@grandrapidslionsclub.org | 616.425.8877 5110 28th Street SE # 1029 | Grand Rapids, MI 49512

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.



GRAND RAPIDS LIONS CLUB PRESENTS:

OCT 15 2024 LUNCH & LEARN



LEARN HOW YOU CAN JOIN WITH US IN HELPING OUR COMMUNITY

Meet & greet club members, enjoy lunch, and learn about how together we can continue to help our community to be strong and thrive!

JOIN US OCT 15 2024 12:15PM-1:30PM GVSU Downtown Campus Richard M DeVos Center: University Club Room Park in the Seward Lot

505 Fulton St W, Grand Rapids, MI 49504 walk to the DeVos Campus just EAST.

RSVP HERE:

https://www.grandrapidslionsclub.org/2024/09/24/guest-day-october-15-2024/



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

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



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/

"...I cannot endure to waste anything so precious as autumnal sunshine by staying in the house.

So I have spent almost all the daylight hours in the open air."

Nathaniel Hawthorne

