



GRAND RAPIDS LIONS CLUB

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LATIN FOR THE "NAKED TRUTH"

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As we wrap up October and head into November we find a BIG month of opportunities to connect, have fun and help our community! Join us!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **NOVEMBER 5: 12NOON- 1:30PM LUNCH AT GVSU DOWNTOWN**
 - **RSVP TO CHERYL 1 WEEK BEFORE: (THAT'S TOMORROW!!!!) OCTOBER 29:**
 - **CLICK HERE TO RSVP: ANDERSOC@GVSU.EDU**
- **NOVEMBER 12: SOCIAL TIME 5-7PM - LOCATION WOODROW'S INSIDE THE AMWAY GRAND**
 - **SEE DETAILS ON PAGE 5: 200 LYON ST NW, GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49503**
 - **COME VISIT WITH YOUR LION FRIENDS - JUST FOR FUN!**
- **NOVEMBER 16 - 50 MILE BIKE RIDE - SEE PAGE 4**
 - **50 MILE RIDE ON A TANDEM BIKE AS A FUNDRAISER FOR THE COST OF THE BIKE. PEOPLE ARE NEEDED TO RIDE ON THE TANDEM BIKE FOR 2 1/2 MILES.**
 - **PEOPLE ARE ALSO NEEDED TO MAN REFRESHMENTS AREAS AND CHEER ON THE RIDERS**
- **NOVEMBER 19: 12NOON- 1:30PM LUNCH AT GVSU DOWNTOWN**
 - **RSVP TO CHERYL 1 WEEK BEFORE: NOV 12:**
 - **CLICK HERE TO RSVP: ANDERSOC@GVSU.EDU**
- **NOVEMBER 19: SERVICE PROJECT 4-6PM SEE PAGE 5**
 - **FLAT RIVER OUTREACH MINISTRIES**
 - **ALL HANDS ON DECK! WE NEED THE HELP!**
 - **PLEASE TEXT OR CALL OSMAN KOROMA BY 11/15 IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND: (616-710-8536)**
- **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**

NOTES FROM OUR PRESIDENT: KYLE TRAVIS



During our most recent lunch meeting, on October 15, we hosted a 'ribbon-cutting' on the tandem bike purchased for the Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired (ABVI).

This cutting-edge, battery-assisted bike, is specially designed to allow a co-pilot to ride alongside someone whom is blind or visually impaired. As you might imagine, this will be of great aide in ABVI's transportation efforts....not to mention, it's fun too!

Our club pledged the necessary funds to pre-order this bike. This is another great example of how our funds can have a lasting impact in our community. Stay tuned, as our very own Osman Koroma will be conducting a fundraiser on November 16, riding alongside sponsors for 50 miles, to raise funds in support of this wonderful bike.

Yours in Lionism,

Kyle Travis
Grand Rapids Lions Club President 2024-2026
Travis.kd@gmail.com | 616-635-4242



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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 **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!



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MILLENNIUM PARK 50 MILE BIKE RIDE: NOV 16

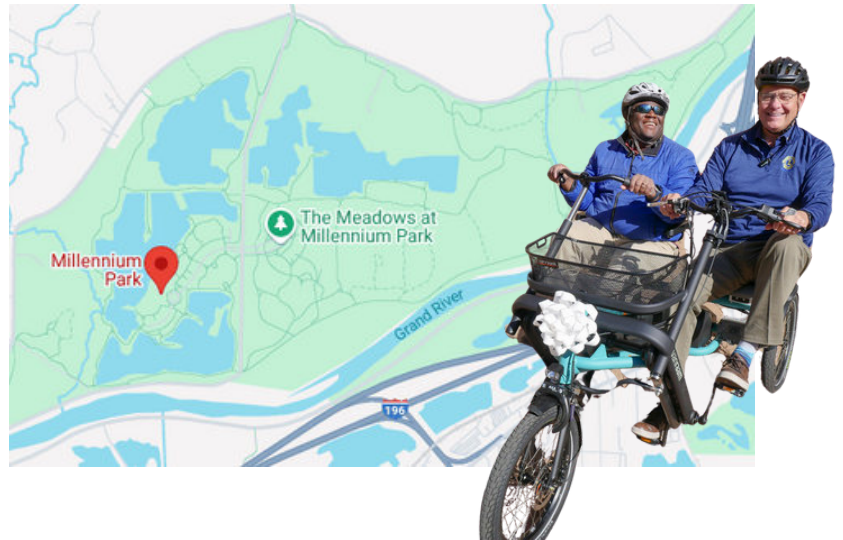
November 16 - join us for a day of fun, celebration and sponsorship as we ride tandem with Lion Osman Koroma for his 50 mile ride!

Join us as lions from all over the district cheer on and ride a few miles with Osman in support of raising funds for this great cause!

How can you help:

1. People are needed to ride on the tandem bike for 2 1/2 miles.
2. People are also needed to provide refreshments areas and cheer on the riders.

Watch your email for sponsorship opportunities and specific sign up information.



NOVEMBER SERVICE PROJECT: NOV 19

Our Service Project for the month of November will be at Flat River Outreach Ministries (11535 Fulton St, E Lowell, MI, 49431.)

When: November 19 from 4-6PM.

We will be assisting them with organizing and loading their food pantry.

Please text or call Osman Koroma by 11/15 if you would like to attend: (616-710-8536)



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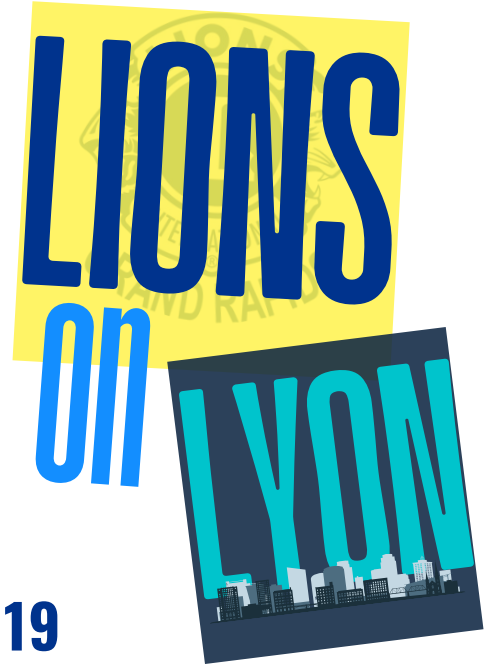
COME HANG OUT! LIONS ON LYON: NOV 12

Join us for a beverage and hang time for Lions on Lyon!

WHEN: November 12, 5-7PM

WHERE: Woodrow's inside the AMWAY GRAND | 200 Lyon St NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503

LOCATED AT THE NORTHEAST SIDE OF THE AMWAY GRAND HOTEL:



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BLAST FROM THE PAST

Lion Lynn Francis shared this great shot from the bowling crew from a "few" years back... Thank you for sharing Lynn!



BIKE DEDICATION ADDITIONAL PICTURES: CONTINUED FROM PRES NOTES SECTION OCT 5 2024

Link to Mary Free Bed article:

<https://www.maryfreebed.com/tandem-bike-donation-brings-cycling-to-the-blind/>



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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 \$1500 for the event. The Grand Rapids Lions Club donates \$95 per child (up to \$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 Sabbath 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 & I-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](tel: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,

Drew Wessell

Drew Wessell | Treasurer | treasurer@grandrapidslionsclub.org | 616.425.8877

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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>

"...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

Happy Birthday!

KEITH CRITTENDON 10/2
KATHY O'BEE 10/10
DAN CRANE 10/13
ANNE BAIRD 10/15
JASON BROWN 10/19
BRENT SPOELSTRA 11/3

LYNN FRANCIS 11/4
BOYD GRISWOLD 11/9
THADDEUS PHELPS 11/9
ERIK ANDERSON 11/10
RICK WALKER 11/14
BRAD TOOKER 11/27
RAY WEIDENFELLER 11/29



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