



GRAND RAPIDS LIONS CLUB

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Welcome to 2025!!!! It's time to connect, have fun, and help our community! Join us!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **JANUARY 21: 12NOON- 1:30PM LUNCH**
 - GVSU DOWNTOWN
 - RSVP TO CHERYL 1 WEEK BEFORE:
 - CLICK BELOW TO RSVP BY JAN 17:
 - ANDERSOC@GVSU.EDU
- **JANUARY 28: FULL BOARD MEETING**



NOTES FROM OUR PRESIDENT: KYLE TRAVIS



Happy new year, fellow Lions!

With the new year, I wanted to encourage you to think about taking a new role within our club. There are many opportunities to get more involved - be it with service projects, social events, or even leadership roles. At the top of mind, there are four areas we could use more engagement among our membership:

- Blind Dinner Date Committee – The Blind Dinner Date is currently undergoing a ‘barnstorming’ of sorts. If you have ideas, or would like to help in this effort, please reach out to Jim Schuyler, myself, or anyone on the current committee.
- Drive for Vision Committee – June is only 6 months away and the DFV committee will soon be getting to work on planning our annual fundraiser golf outing. This is a 30+ year event for our club, and typically our largest fundraiser. If you’d like to be part of this committee, please contact Jeremy Knoester, Jamie Junod or myself.
- Transport Drivers – We are in need of additional transport drivers. The demand for this service is currently far greater than the supply of drivers we have. If you’re interested in helping, please contact Kathy Oberlin.
- Board of Directors – this is the time of year where our Vice President will be looking for new directors to fill our board for the upcoming fiscal year (beginning in July). If you have an interest, or know someone who would be a good fit, please contact VP Jim Schuyler.

Our club, and its various social, service and fundraising committees only survive if we have members whom are willing to participate and lend their time. It’s also vital that we continue to refresh these committees with new faces. If we become too dependent on just a few members, the longevity of these committees and the events/services they support are in jeopardy.

So, my request for you in 2025 is to reflect on how you might become more engaged within our club, and to find a committee that fits!

Yours in lionism,

Kyle Travis
 Grand Rapids Lions Club President 2024-2026
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TRIBUTE TO A SPECIAL LION

The Lions' motto is "We Serve". There is a special Lion in our club that has been an outstanding example of that motto...Bob Winchester.

If you've volunteered for our club's Lions projects in the last 20 years – chances are good that he was right there with you. I know "firsthand" that our Lions Transport Service would not have gotten off to the great start it did, without the service of Bob Winchester. Every time I have been to the Eyeglass Recycling Nights, Bob was also there. I was at a Build-a-Bed project – Bob was there.

Bob has been a dedicated Lion for many years and he has recently discovered he needs to take a step back from being an actively volunteering Lion. I'm giving a big shout-out to Bob for his extraordinary volunteerism and always with a smile on his face. He will be deeply missed in the trenches of our service. Wishing him the best as he enjoys his "retirement".

Kathy Oberlin

THANK YOU!
BOB!

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HONORING OUR LEGACY THROUGH GENEROSITY

Join the Grand Rapids Lions Club Memorial Giving Fund: Honoring Our Legacy Through Generosity

The Grand Rapids Lions Club has always been about more than service - it's about community, connection, and creating a lasting legacy. One meaningful way to contribute to this legacy is by joining the **Memorial Giving Fund**, a program designed to honor the memory of our members and their loved ones while supporting the club's mission to serve those in need.

By committing to the Memorial Giving Fund, members agree to donate \$100 in the event of the passing of a fellow member or their spouse. These contributions not only pay tribute to those we've lost but also empower the club to continue its impactful work.

We are proud to recognize the following members who have already joined this meaningful initiative:

- Kyle Travis
- Jeff Kraai
- Lynn & Vickie Francis
- Pat Mullen
- Mark Oberlin
- Scott Brady
- Kim Gary
- Ed Thauer
- Rob Lalley
- Gary & Cheryl Anderson

Their commitment exemplifies the spirit of generosity and fellowship that defines the Grand Rapids Lions Club.

Joining the Memorial Giving Fund is a simple yet powerful way to leave a lasting mark on the community while honoring the lives of our fellow members. Every contribution made ensures that the Lions' work—providing aid to the visually impaired, supporting youth programs, and meeting critical needs in our community—will endure for generations to come.

Below is a link to pledge form to enroll in the Memorial Giving Fund. Together, we can ensure that the legacy of our Lions family continues to shine brightly.

Join us in making a difference today—and for years to come.



Pat Mullen

[Pledge Form Link](#)

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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.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>

"Ring out the old, ring in the new, Ring, happy bells, across the snow:
The year is going, let him go; Ring out the false, ring in the true."

- Alfred Lord Tennyson

Happy Birthday!

- JOHN RICE 1/4
- COLLEEN MULDER 1/9
- JOE ANNORENO 1/20
- DON JAKEL 1/31
- BOB WINCHESTER 1/31



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